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ARE AIRSHIPS COMMERCIAL FAILURES?

SIR DENNIS BURNEY'S CRITICISMS.

LIGHTER ENGINES SUGGESTED FOR R.101.

FUEL GAS OR DIESEL ENGINES THE BEST?

Statements that the two new State
airships, R.100 and R.101, are com-
mercial failures, and that the air-
ship built by the State at the Royal
Airship Works, Cardington, is in-
capable of carrying any useful load
at all on a flight to Egypt, are
made by Sir Dennis Burney in a
book entitled "The World, the Air,
and the Future."

The allegations not only that,
technically, the ships will be in-
capable of commercial operation,
but that the whole system of moor-
ing to a high tower developed by
the Air Ministry is fundamentally
unsound, and that a new method
originated by the Airship Guar-
antee Company, the group of which
Sir Dennis Burney is the head and
which has built R.100, must be tried
out, will obviously require an
answer, though it may not be pos-
sible to give a complete reply until
flying experience has been obtained
with the two ships.

The Allegations.

The gravamen of the allegations
is contained in the following table,
which appears in the section of the
book dealing with the development
and prospects of airships:

	Weight of ship	Lift of 2,000 ft.	Ballast tons.
R.100	92	8	7 1/2
R.101	103	8	7 1/2

	Crew, stores, food	Fuel tons	Total weight
R.100	4	32	143.5
R.101	4	35.5	148

Now, the total lift under standard
conditions is 158 tons for the R.100
and 148 tons for the R.101. Accord-
ingly, the R.100 has 12.5 tons of
payload and the R.101 none at all.
(The R.101 would make a more
favourable showing with lighter
engines.)

The accommodation in the R.100
provides for 100 passengers, and if
we take the average weight of a
passenger at 160 lb., or 11 st., and
allow 100 lb. of luggage for each
person, this works out at, roughly,
11 1/2 tons for passenger freight,
leaving about one ton over for mail.
It must be remembered that the lift
of a ship varies with the tempera-
ture and the height of the baro-
meter. . . . It would be possible
to obtain 10 tons more lift in Eng-
land and 10 tons less lift in Egypt
under certain conditions.

A commercial service has to take
the worst conditions, however, and
this is one reason for making a
theoretical allowance for fuel
weight of 100 per cent. in excess of
the still-air allowance under stan-
dard conditions. As these ships are
to-day, R.100 wants at least 10 tons
extra lift and R.101 25.5 tons extra
lift to make them commercial pro-
positions upon the London-Egypt
route at the low cruising speed of
70 m.p.h.

Speed for Safety.

Sir Dennis Burney then argues
that the minimum speed required
for safety in the operation of a
commercial ship is 90 m.p.h. He
gives a calculation of the extra

weight involved in attaining this
performance, the result of which is
that "R.100 could carry no pay-
load and only about half the fuel
required, whilst the R.101 could not
lift off the ground with either fuel
or payload." He points out that
there is no reason why the two ships
should not carry out demonstration
flights with passengers because, un-
der those conditions, the weather-
can be selected for the voyage,
whereas a commercial airship must
operate in all weathers on a regu-
lar schedule.

These disquieting statements,
coming from one who for many
years has been the leading advocate
of airships as commercial vehicles
for world transport, seem curious.
The author evidently realizes this
himself, for he says that as a result
of the last seven years' investigation
and work upon R.100:—

"I am firmly convinced that the
airship enthusiasts not only over-
stated their case, but failed to
realize that a vessel that could
neither make a landing without
elaborate extraneous aid nor be
housed or rigidly secured in rough
weather must always remain of
doubtful value for commercial pur-
poses."

This, at least, is an honest con-
fession of misguided enthusiasm.
Sir Dennis Burney goes on to say:

There were two courses open:
one was to confess failure, the other
to say nothing and get down to the
real problem and find a solution. I
had one further difficulty. I had
undertaken to write some articles
on airship subjects. Were these to
be of an optimistic nature or of a
pessimistic nature? I decided on
the former course with mixed feel-
ings of hope and trepidation."

This, apparently, was at a time
when the R.100 was well started and
nearly half-built. It may be pointed
out that until the publication of
this book no statement had been
made of Sir Dennis Burney's real
feelings, whereas the State airship
policy has always been that R.101
was a big experiment, on the results
of which nothing could be said be-
yond the fact that it was designed
with the expectation of being able
to fly to India.

Three New Ideas.

Sir Dennis Burney's book clearly
shows that he is leading up to three
new ideas for airship development
which he is evidently very anxious
shall be tried out, presumably by
the allocation of further funds from
the public purse. These ideas, and
the claims made for them, are as
follows:—

1. The Howden Propulsion sys-
tem, which enables a gain of 65 per
cent. in the propulsive efficiency to
be obtained without increase of
weight.
2. The Mooring and Docking
Raft, which enables a ship to be
placed in her shed in any average
weather by mechanical means.
3. The Elliptical Design, which
enables an airship to alight upon
any enclosed or partly enclosed
water, such as a harbour, lake,

estuary, &c., without extraneous
aid, and thereafter anchor or moor
like a marine vessel.

The new propulsion system in-
volves the use of fuel gas and some
form of Diesel or other oil, and the
transference of the power units to
the end of the ship, like the screws
of a steamer, with the ability to
swing the screws to give a vertical
thrust to counteract up and down
movements of the tail when moor-
ing. The mooring raft is designed
to clamp the ship down in a frame
which can be moved by suitable
power into the shed, thus obviating
mooring at a high mast; and the
elliptical ship is, as its name im-
plies, an ellipse with the greater
axis in the horizontal plane and
with two hull floats on either side
of the centre, enabling the airship
to alight on water like a flying-
boat.

Discrepancies in Figures.

These developments, Sir Dennis
Burney considers, offer the only
prospect of building an airship, of
say, 350 tons displacement, of
sufficient speed and strength for the
Atlantic service, the one which he
considers offers the best chance of
financial success.

The above is a summary of the
main contentions of the airship
section of the book, and the Air
Ministry will, no doubt, take up the
cudgels thus thrown down. It
should be pointed out at once, how-
ever, that the total lift of the R.101,
as given by Sir Dennis Burney, is
certainly three to four tons under
the figure officially given when the
inspection of the airship was made
recently, while the structure
weight of the ship is given in the
book as one ton more than the
official figure.

Thus the official figures give a
favourable margin of four or five
tons, equivalent to a load of from
35 to 38 passengers, whereas Sir
Dennis Burney's calculations show
no margin at all, so there is a dis-
crepancy here to be cleared up.

The author has never concealed
his dislike of the Air Ministry's
system of mooring an airship to a
high tower. But this system, even
if not perfect, has at least stood the
test of trial, whereas the new
method proposed by Sir Dennis
Burney exists upon paper only, and
the author does not claim more than
that "it should render the opera-
tion of picking up the mooring
point much easier than under exist-
ing conditions." The third pro-
posal of the elliptical ship is, frank-
ly, very experimental.

Credit must be given to Sir
Dennis Burney or the ingenuity of
his ideas, which merit careful con-
sideration, but it remains to be seen
whether a book of this description,
produced on the eve of the first fly-
ing trials of the new airships, will
help or hinder further development.
It should be borne in mind that
both R.100 and R.101 are admitted
full-scale experiments to obtain
much-needed information in regard
to the operation of airships which
it would be impossible to get in any
other way.

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5.30 p.m.
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Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four
Devils" (talking picture).
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd
Comedies."
Star Theatre: "Silks and
Saddles."
Tea Dance: Hong Kong Hotel,
5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel,
Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels,
8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 5.35 a.m. and 7
p.m.; Low, 12.13 p.m.
Wednesday,
(November 27.)
Auction: Household Furniture,
Lamport Bros., 11, Humphrey's
Buildings, 11 a.m.
Opening of Tung Wah Eastern
Hospital, Sookunpoo, 11 a.m.
Annual Display, H.K. Fire
Brigade, Central Police Station, 3
p.m.
Hockey: Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C.
ground, 5 p.m.
Football: Junior Division:
R.A.M.C. v. K.O.S.B., Royal
Artillery v. Somerset.
Queen's Theatre: "Four Devils"
(talking picture).
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd
Comedies."
Star Theatre: "Silks and
Saddles."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel,
and Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, and
Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
(Empress of Russia), 5 p.m., via
Siberia (Empress of Russia), 6 p.m.
Thursday,
(November 28.)
Thanksgiving Day U.S.A.
Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Chinese Pictorial Art"
by Mr. Li King Hong, Y.M.C.A.,
Bowloon, 9 p.m.
Harmston's Circus: Praya East,
9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Bulldog
Drummond."
World Theatre: "Phyllis of the
Follies."
Star Theatre: "Brass Knuckles."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel,
and Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel,
Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels,
8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 7.47 a.m. and 7.45
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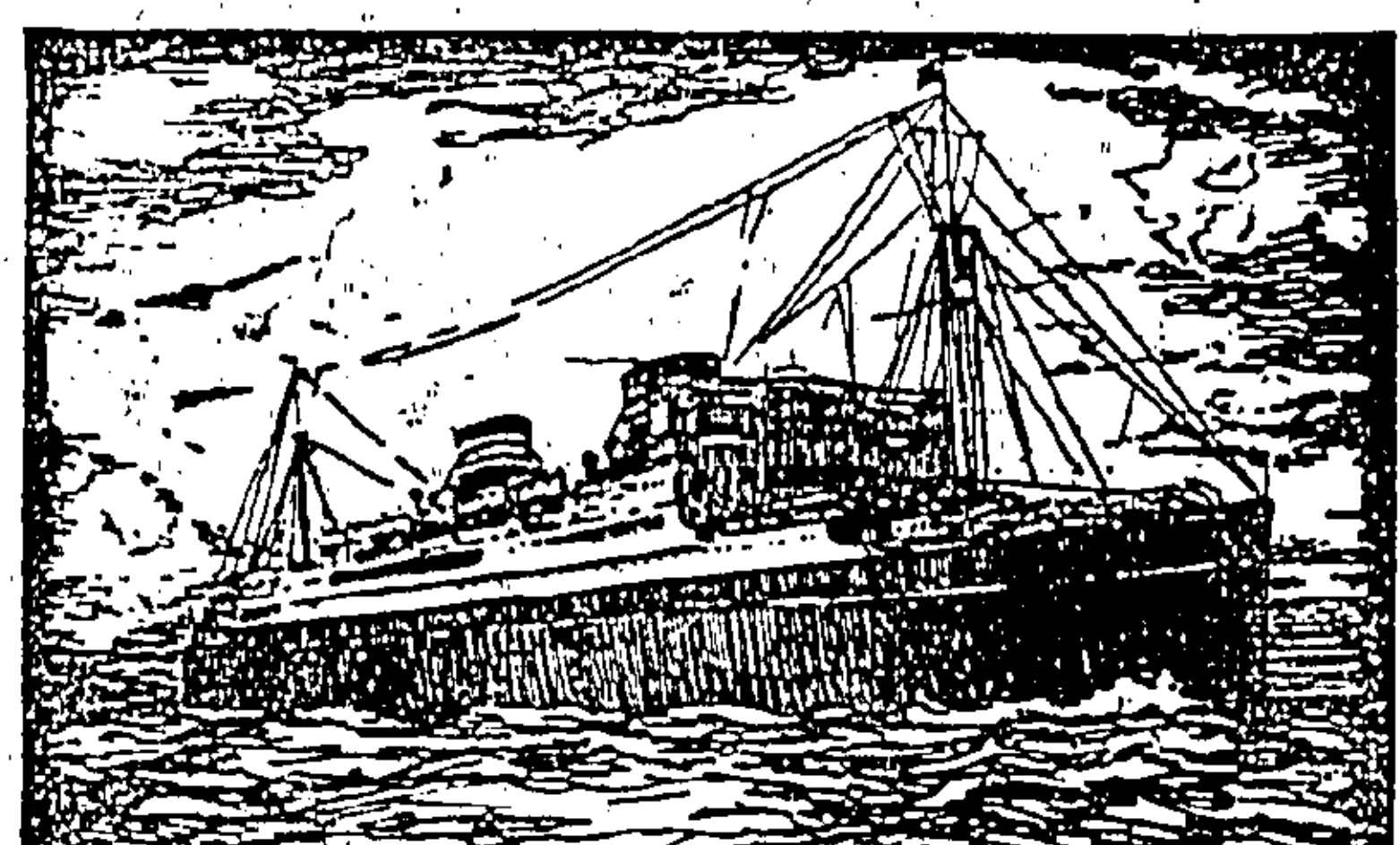
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FIFTY WOMEN ARRESTED.

Hungary is in the grip of one of the most amazing poisoning dramas in the history of the world. Even the great Croydon mystery pales into obscurity before it. Nothing can exaggerate the tense feeling of terror, anxiety, and suspicion that has everywhere been aroused.

Fifty women in prison on the charge of poisoning their men-folk.

Scores of exhumations. Whole villages suspect. Two suicides.

A priest insane. And the inquiries have only just begun.

To understand the psychological background for murder on such a grand scale only a little imagination is required.

Picture the broad rolling plain that is Hungary, smiling land of pastures and peasants where little has changed in the few hundred years since it was first the home of the Asiatic Hun and the cradle of modern Europe.

No Doctors in Villages.

Imagine the lonely little homesteads separated by miles of cornfields; the villages self-contained, self-thinking, self-ruled; men and women living and dying in the shadow of their homes.

Remember there is no doctor in the villages, no trained nurse, no hospital, no clinic. Only an ignorant elderly midwife supplies these wants. She is called the wise woman, but she is wise only in one thing—her knowledge of the peasant mind.

She is at once lady of the manor, district nurse, confidante of all and gossip-in-chief. Her house combines the amenities of the village club, village institute, beauty parlour, chemist's shop and doctor's consulting room. Present at every birth and at every death, she prescribes the last rites, dispenses medicines, love potions—and poison. She is the modern equivalent of the Zulu witch doctor.

The wise woman realises more clearly than any one the tragedy of the land, that black shadow that separates father and children, husband and wife, old age and youth. In Hungary, last stronghold of the feudal baron, every one at heart is still a farmer. But since the war there has not been enough land to go round. Nobody shares. Old patriarchs keep a tight grip on their precious acres and only death transfers ownership.

Single Inheritance.

The age-old tradition of single inheritance renders more than one child in the family superfluous. That is where the midwife steps in. The sudden death of children or elders means wealth for the women left behind—and something tangible for the witch. The backwardness of the people, the quaint village "coroner," ignorant of the first principles of law and medicine, and the unextinguishable gendarmic combine to make murder easy.

Gradually a callous indifference to inflicting death and a strange infectivity is bred among the women, who cast longing looks on Naboth's Forbidden Vineyard. The lust for land is stronger than family ties. Murder becomes business.

Chance Discovery.

Nobody knew that anything was wrong until one day a medical student decided to analyse a body washed up by the River Tisza near the village of Navrev. The theory of suicide did not satisfy his inquiring mind. He discovered a huge quantity of arsenic, and reported the matter to the police.

That was the beginning. The police started to dig in the graveyard of the little village, and experts exhumed the bodies of Josef Nedarass and Michael Szabo. Enormous amounts of arsenic were revealed.

Then the flood of anonymous letters began to flow. The police stations hummed with activity, and the first arrests were made. Nine women—mothers, wives, daughters—confessed that two midwives, one in their own village and one from the neighbouring one of Tixakurt, had supplied them with poison over a period of years.

Too Late.

The police went to arrest the midwives, but they arrived too late. One had hanged herself and the other taken a dose of her own concoction. In each of the villages the police discovered piled-up heaps of those fly-papers which contain arsenic. The midwives had used them in making their secret brew. For the poison thus obtained so easily and inexpensively high payments in cash or kind were demanded.

Many a wife went without fires through the winter when her husband died mysteriously in the autumn.

The exhumations continued. Every corpse unearthed contained enough arsenic to kill twenty men. Death was not slow or subtle. The victims had died in a few hours and the excuse put forward by the "distressed" widow or daughter was identical: "My man was never the same since the war. He came back suffering from stomach trouble. It got worse and worse until he died." The "coroner" would fumble with his pen, scribble out an illiterate certificate of natural death—and the midwife pocketed her fee.

More Arrests Daily.

Scarcely a day passes now without more arrests in these two villages. There is not one family but has one or more members in goal. One woman confessed to killing all her nearest relatives, seven people in all, to secure a tiny strip of land. She gave the midwife bundles of dry branches painfully collected from the woods.

The habit of killing became such a part of village life that quite young women joined the Sisterhood of Death. Pretty wives who had been forced to marry rich old peasants poisoned their husbands and married their lovers.

The only problem that seemed to baffle the murderers was how to dispose of the poison. One simple-minded widow buried a bottle of it in her husband's grave. It was found by the police at the foot of the coffin.

CHARGES AGAINST PANEL DOCTOR.

PATIENT'S DEATH AFTER A GNAT BITE.

Allegations against a panel doctor, Dr. R. J. Spain, of West Ealing, W., were recently investigated by a barrister and two doctors at the Ministry of Health.

The Middlesex Insurance Committee were stated to have represented that Dr. Spain failed to give adequate medical attention and treatment to a panel patient, Henry James Gardner, of Hamwell; that he was under the influence of drink on May 15 last; and that it would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the panel service if Dr. Spain remained on the medical list. The patient Gardner died in hospital on May 16 following a gnat bite. He first called on Dr. Spain on May 13. It was alleged that the doctor was under the influence of drink when he called for the second time at the man's house. He promised to call again next day, May 16, so that the patient could be sent to hospital, but did not arrive, and another doctor was summoned.

Doctor's Illness.

Dr. T. A. Heneghan said that he attended Dr. Spain on May 16, and found him in bed with a temperature of 101 degrees and a congested lung. He had never seen Dr. Spain under the influence of drink. Two witnesses stated that they saw Dr. Spain on May 15, and that he was not then under the influence of drink.

Dr. Spain said he had an arrangement with a local doctor to take over his work in an emergency, but this did not materialise on May 16, owing to a misunderstanding.

NIGHT WATCHMAN WHO ACTS AS CENSOR.

Surfeit midnight bathing parties in the private swimming pools of Eton have been causing the college officials anxiety.

Above Windsor Bridge there is a pleasant tree-enclosed backwater with green lawns and banks where most young Etonians make their first acquaintance with Father Thames.

During the hot nights it was discovered by Londoners. Theatrical parties would motor down to the spot, have a champagne supper on the bank, and swim in the clear and sequestered waters.

This the college authorities tolerated.

But when one of them, armed with an electric torch, discovered that a large party of ballet dancers had, after supper, plunged in without ceremony or costumes, it was felt that their hospitality was being abused. However, the authorities did not actually prohibit midnight bathing. All they did was to appoint a night watchman. He was to sit up and act as a censor on the behaviour and decorum of any parties who might elect to visit Eton's bathing pool.

As long as the parties acted in a "seemly and proper" manner, he merely sat in his lonely little hut and said nothing. If, however, he observed anything which overstepped the bounds of polite behaviour, he went up and gave the offenders a fatherly lecture!

The Arbitrator of River Conduct has been on duty almost every night.

HOOVER'S BIG PROGRAMME.

TO PUT UNEMPLOYED ON ROAD BUILDING.

Washington, Nov. 18.—An expansion of the United States Government building programme by \$317,500,000 in addition to the \$248,000,000 previously authorized is being urged upon Congress by Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

In the opinion of Mr. Mellon, this will assist markedly in bringing about the success of the projected "Hoover prosperity programme."

The first conference toward achievement of the President's programme is to take place at the White House at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Presidents of 12 railroads as well as the famous financier, Mr. Thomas Lamont, Mr. Mellon and the president of the United States Chamber of Commerce are to attend the meeting.

Meanwhile several Congressional leaders have been discussing with President Hoover the proposal for a nation-wide system of high-speed express motorways to assist in stabilizing employment in the United States while at the same time providing additional transportation facilities.

It is argued that the actual work upon these highways will give occupation for thousands of men who are at present unemployed, while the completion of the new roads will at once assist in inter-city transportation and give the farmer a new measure of relief through helping distribution of his products.

There is as yet no indication as to whether President Hoover intends to adopt the scheme as an administration project, but it is understood that some encouragement has been given.

PRISONER'S FATAL "BLUFF."

HANGED HIMSELF WHEN PRETENDING TO DO SO.

A remarkable story of a prisoner's fatal pretence to hang himself was related at an inquest at Pentonville Prison last month. The prisoner, Abraham Lawrence Lyons, aged 26, who was serving on 18 months' sentence, was found hanging in his cell by one of the prison medical officers.

Two prisoners who stated they were unknown to each other said that at different times they had conversations with Lyons. One stated that Lyons, who until recently had been a prison barber, said to him, "I am on hunger strike. I want to get shifted, and that is the only way to do it, and get on the observation landing." He (witness) told Lyons that that was no good, and Lyons replied, "I am going to have a good try. Two or three of the officers have been to my cell and tried to persuade me not to be a fool. Still, I don't care; if I fail that way I shall go to the governor and say in the presence of witnesses that if he does not shift me from where I am shall hang myself. It is quite easy. I shall just sit on a stool and pretend to do it."

Sir Bernard Spilsbury said that death was due to asphyxia.

Major A. C. Banke, the Governor of the prison, said that Lyons was a conceited young man. He was made prison barber, a privileged position, and lost his job. He was put on ordinary routine, hard labour.

Replying to the deputy coroner the Governor said, "No prisoner ever does hard labour. That is only a term in the regulations. I have seen very few prisoners really working hard."

The Deputy Coroner: When I first held an inquest here there was a treadmill in use. That was hard labour.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned by the jury.

Witness at Middlesex Sessions: The policeman threw his truncheon at the prisoner, Mr. Macdonald (counsel); And hit him on the nut.



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MR. J. DANIELS SPEAKS OUT.

ATTACK ON BIG FINANCIERS.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 17.—Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson administration, in a speech before the City Club here, declared that "now that all the little sheep have been shorn in a \$36,000,000 stock crash, President Hoover calls upon the business men of this nation to stabilize the market for the Rockefeller, the Mellons and such people who bought in near the low point."

"It is important that the market be settled now," he continued ironically. "It was not so important before."

Meanwhile Secretary Mellon offers a one-cent tax reduction as his bit toward making up for the billions lost by the little fellows.

Mr. Daniels struck at the present trend toward mergers, especially in the field of utilities, declaring that the power trust is the country's greatest present danger.

He flayed the "big navy" advocates and praised former President William Howard Taft, Mr. Newton Baker, former Secretary of War, and the late Mr. Theodore Burton for their part in furthering the cause of world peace.

(Continued on next column.)

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The former Secretary declared that despite the protest vote rolled up against ex-Governor A.L. Smith in the last Presidential election, the South is "still safely democratic."

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Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY. NOV. 25.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks								
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...	Mercantile Bks. "A"
...	Do. "C"
...	Bank of East Asia...
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...	Canton Ins.
...	Underwriters
...	North China
...	Union Ins.
...	Yangtze Ins.
...	China Fires
...	H.K. Fires
Shipping								
...	Douglases .....	...	...	...	...
...	Steamboats .....	...	...	...	...
...	Indos (pref.) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (def.) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Shell Transports ..	...	...	...	...
...	Water-boats .....	...	...	...	...
Mining								
...	Benquets .....	...	...	...	...
...	Kailas .....	...	...	...	...
...	Langkats (comb.) ..	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (single) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Explorations .....	...	...	...	...
...	T.S. Shanghai Loans ..	...	...	...	...
...	Raubs .....	...	...	...	...
...	Tromoh Mines .....	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
...	H.K. & K. Wharfs...	...	...	...	...
...	Providents .....	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks .....	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	...	...
...	New Engineerings ..	...	...	...	...
...	Hongkews .....	...	...	...	...
Cotton Mills								
...	Ewos .....	...	...	...	...
...	Shai. Ctons (old)...	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Zoong Sings .....	...	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings								
...	H.K. & S. Hotels ...	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands ...	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realty .....	...	...	...	...
...	Humphreys .....	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates .....	...	...	...	...
Public Utilities								
...	Tramways .....	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (old)...	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Star Ferry .....	...	...	...	...
...	O. Lights (old)...	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric .....	...	...	...	...
...	Macao do. ....	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights ..	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones .....	...	...	...	...
...	China Buses .....	...	...	...	...
...	Traction .....	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (pref.) .....	...	...	...	...
Industries								
...	Caldbeck, (ord.) ..	...	...	...	...
...	Macgregor (pref.) ..	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice .....	...	...	...	...
...	Cements (comb.)...	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (old) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Roper .....	...	...	...	...
...	China Sugars .....	...	...	...	...
...	Malabon Sugars ..	...	...	...	...
...	United Asbestos ..	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous								
...	Dairy Farms .....	...	...	...	...
...	Der A. Wings .....	...	...	...	...
...	Amusements .....	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions .....	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford .....	...	...	...	...
...	Macintosh .....	...	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco ..	...	...	...	...
...	Sinceres (old) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	...	...
...	Watsons .....	...	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powells .....	...	...	...	...
...	H. Ind. G.S. Bonds ..	...	...	...	...
H.K. Govt Loan								

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Eustace: "Do you speak Latin?"
Erica: "No, I've never even been there."

We: "When I dance with you I feel as though I were treading on clouds!"
She: "Don't fool yourself! Those are my feet!"

Curate: "I hear your boy has a decided gift for recitation."
"Indeed, yes, and they say all he needs is a course of electrocution, just to finish him off like."

"Have you anything to say, prisoner, before sentence is passed upon you?" asked the judge.
"No, your lordship, except that it takes very little to please me."

Teacher: "James, what is the opposite of misery?"
James: "Happiness."
Teacher: "And what is the opposite of sadness?"
James: "Gladness."

Teacher: "Fine, now give me the opposite of woe."
James: "Giddap."

Lady (who was on a visit to her native town): "How is Mrs. Gabbie? I haven't seen her for a long time."
Hostess: "She is having her usual ups and downs."

"What may they be?"
"Oh, running up bills and running down her neighbours."

"I really believe Jack has a soft spot in his heart for me," she declared, proudly.
"What makes you think that?" asked her rival, snappily.
"Why, the dear boy says he is always thinking of me."
"That's nothing to go by," sneered the other. "A man doesn't think with his heart. In all probability the soft spot you mention is in his head."

Secondhand Car Salesman: There's no road too rough for her, nor any hill too steep. She's gone everywhere.
Customer (modestly): "I'm afraid she has."

Governess: "You're not trying, Bobbie! I've explained it to you twice already. I have only had to explain it once to your sister!"
Bobbie: "Oh, well—women understand each other!"

She: "He's so romantic. Whenever he speaks to me he says, 'Fair lady.'"

He: "There's nothing romantic about that. That's the force of habit. He used to be a tram conductor."

Farmer: "You'd be surprised, Mrs. Jones, at the number of chickens I hatch each week down here. I average sixty to eighty."
Mrs. Jones: "Gracious! How ever do you manage to find names for them all?"

"I am a man of few words," announced the big buson's mate. "If I beckon with my finger, that means come!"

"Suits me, boss," replied the rookie. "I'm a man of few words myself. If I shake my head, that means I ain't comin'."

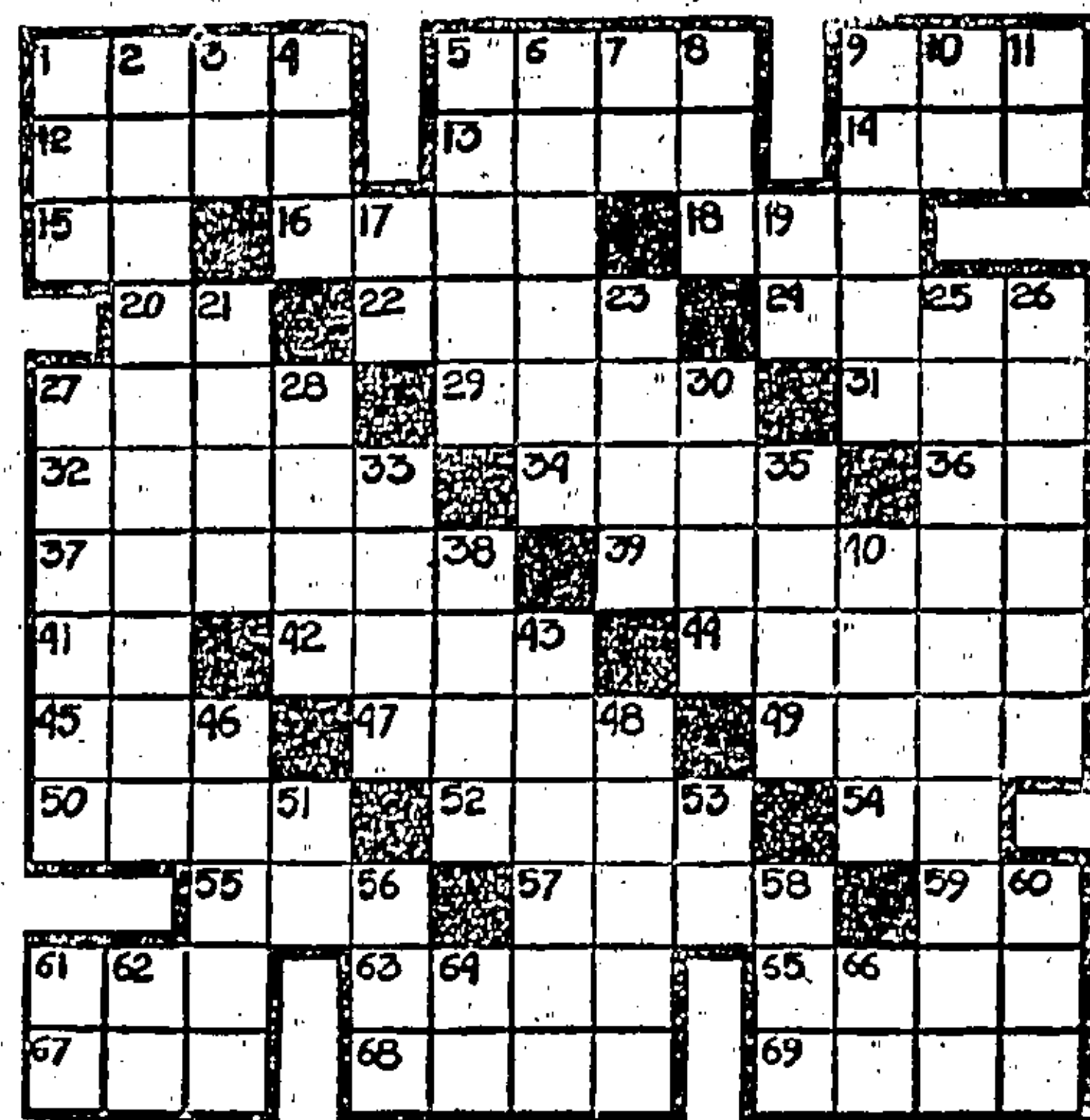
While at Geneva an Englishman decided one evening to visit a famous English garden. He found the resort rather difficult to locate, and after half an hour's search decided to take bearings. Approaching an affable-looking stranger, he began, "Eh—parlez-vous français?"

The stranger glanced at him doubtfully, and replied with some reserve, "Oui—oui, m'sieu."

"Er—ou—est—ce—?" then, resorting in desperation to his mother tongue, "Well, where's the English garden?"

The other breathed a sigh of relief. "Eh, lad," he replied, cheerfully, "treat up 't' hill and straight on."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Sediment.
- 5.—Lighting device.
- 9.—Quarrel.
- 12.—Persian poet.
- 13.—Brother of Cain.
- 14.—A number.
- 15.—Above.
- 16.—Follower of Hindu philosophy.
- 18.—To steer wildly.
- 20.—French for and.
- 22.—Anarchists.
- 24.—Possessive pronoun.
- 27.—Baby carriage.
- 29.—To stagger.
- 31.—Lair.
- 32.—Tied.
- 34.—Oceans.
- 36.—In this way.
- 37.—Speaks.
- 39.—Disturber.
- 41.—Musical note.
- 42.—Appendage.
- 44.—Region.
- 46.—Girl's name.
- 47.—To snatch.
- 49.—Gloves.
- 50.—To refuse.
- 52.—Speck.
- 54.—Spanish article.
- 55.—To obtain.
- 57.—Plum-like fruit.
- 59.—Exists.
- 61.—Era.
- 63.—To aid.
- 65.—Beast's neck hair.
- 67.—The sun.
- 68.—Officers' meal.
- 69.—To advocate strongly.

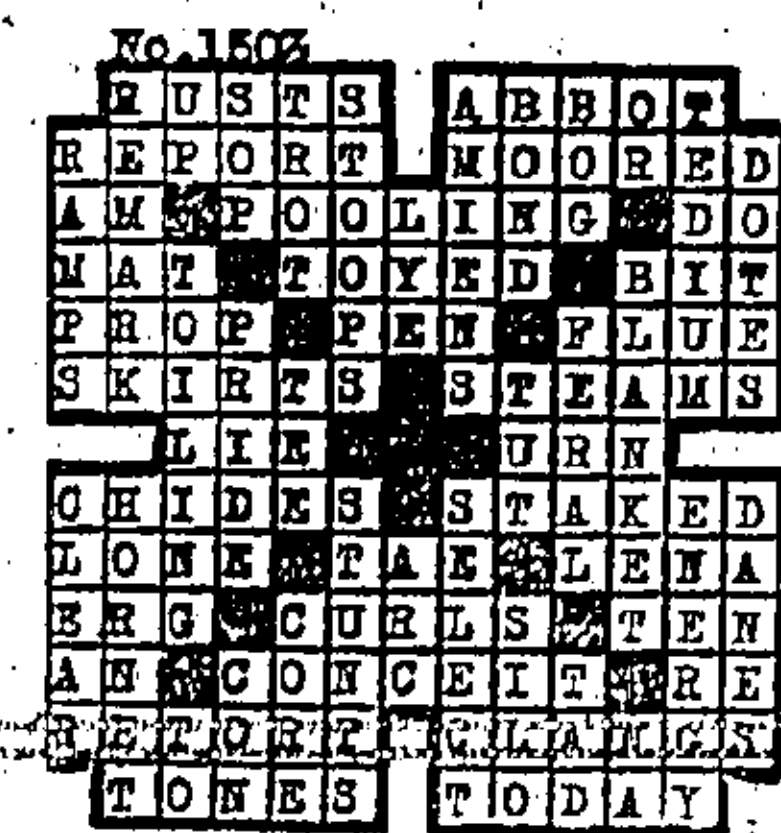
Vertical.

- 1.—French coin.
- 2.—Unavoidable.
- 3.—Musical note.
- 4.—To attempt.
- 5.—Kind of beer.
- 6.—Lives.
- 7.—Pronoun.
- 8.—To hold.
- 9.—Propelled with oars.
- 10.—Upon.

- 11.—Pronoun.
- 17.—Conjunction.
- 19.—Exclamation.
- 21.—Diplomacy.
- 23.—Prophet.
- 25.—Looking like.
- 26.—Breathes audibly asleep.
- 27.—Decorated with feathers.
- 28.—To encounter.
- 29.—Non-clerical.
- 33.—To haul.
- 35.—Lone part.
- 38.—Addresses to knights.
- 40.—To weary.
- 43.—Becomes void.
- 46.—Heavenly being.
- 48.—Runs away.
- 51.—Old pronoun.
- 53.—Toward.
- 56.—Scotch cap.
- 58.—Large bird.
- 60.—Diocese.
- 61.—While.
- 62.—To depart.
- 64.—Part of to be.
- 68.—Symbol for urgent.

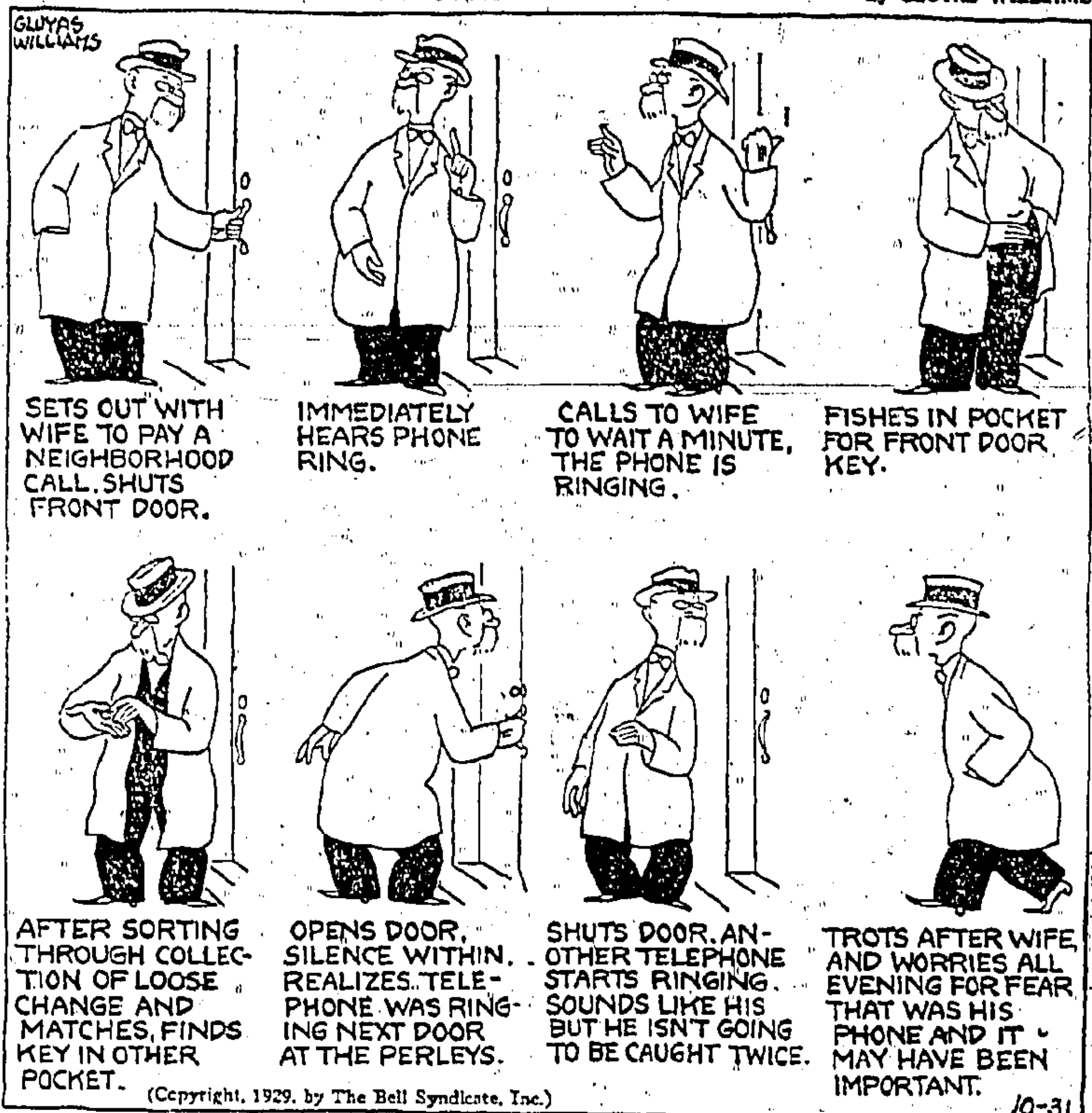
This puzzle took 22 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



SUBURBAN HEIGHTS—NEIGHBORHOOD 'PHONES

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

PAID AND UNPAID.

The fact that the council of the Lawn Tennis Association have given countenance to the movement to make possible a tournament which will be open to amateurs and professionals does not of necessity mean that one will be held next summer, either at Wimbledon or elsewhere. But the step is a very significant one, and although there are still many opponents to the scheme it will be somewhat surprising if at its next meeting the L.T.A. does not pronounce its blessing on the recommendation of its principal committee. America has already tabled a resolution concerning the paid and the unpaid, and it is perhaps superfluous to mention that in the United States it is generally felt that the time is now ripe for the Kozelubs and the Lengles to meet the Cochet and the Willises.

There is not the smallest prospect of next year's Wimbledon being free to amateurs and professionals alike. The most that can be hoped for is that a separate tournament will be arranged, but this could only be fixed on a series of date late in July or some time in August. Even then this would clash with Continental and American arrangements, so that the probability is that we will have to wait until 1931—granted, of course, that the L.T.A. does not turn down the proposal—before we see the first tennis "Open."

But why not have something on a small scale to begin with—a tournament, say, that would not run (Continued on next column.)

MR. JOSEPHS BACKED UP.

The Football Association has upheld the action of the referee, Mr. Arnold Josephs, in ordering W. Powell, the Grimsby Town captain, from the field during the match between Liverpool and Grimsby Town, at Liverpool, but has imposed no punishment on the player beyond administering a caution. Powell was said to have encroached when a free kick, given against the Grimsby goalkeeper for carrying, was being taken, and the referee sent him off for ungentlemanly conduct. It was submitted that the referee acted beyond his power, and should not have sent the player off without a preliminary caution and unless the offence was repeated. The Football Association notified the Grimsby club that they upheld the referee's interpretation of laws ten and thirteen, and a caution would be administered to the player.

over more than four or five days, and that would be restricted to a number of selected players? There should be no insuperable obstacles to this. The leaders are already seeded, so why not invite them to participate, with one or two others, to make up the required total? The die-hards of tennis are as much against mixing the paid with the unpaid as ever they were, but there is a much bigger body of opinion that considers that tennis should now be placed with golf and cricket. We will have to wait until December before the views of the L.T.A. are published, but it is to be hoped that they will have the courage to move with the times.

JOCKEY CLUB ELECTIONS.

It has surprised many racing enthusiasts that two of our most prominent owner-breeders—Lord Astor and Sir Abe Bailey—had not, until the official confirmation of their election, become members of the Jockey Club. Lord Astor never bets, but takes great interest in his Cliveden stud. The Derby still eludes him, whereas several of his home-bred fillies, which are trained at Manton, have won the Oaks. Sir Abe Bailey may perhaps wonder, in his dryly humorous fashion, whether he would not have been able to have rendered, out of his far flung knowledge of the turf, greater legislative service to racing as a younger and more active man.

WRESTLERS BUTTED INTO INSENSIBILITY.

There was an extraordinary result to a wrestling match staged at Dallas, in the United States, last month, both competitors being knocked out through a head-on collision. The wrestlers were Able Coleman, the Brooklyn light-heavyweight, and Clete Kaufmann, of Columbia. During the usual preliminaries before coming to grips, both wrestlers made a simultaneous rush. Instead of getting into holds, they met head with such force that both fell senseless. Coleman was the first to recover consciousness, and was declared the winner.

Q.P.E. SIGN AN AMATEUR.

Queen's Park Rangers have secured the signature to amateur forms of Edward W. Spencer, centre forward, of Walthamstow Avenue. Aston Villa had a representative watching this player during a recent match.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

GIVE YOUR OFFICE FROCK TWO LIVES.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Nothing is smarter for the office than a trim little frock of dark material with really tight fitting sleeves—but there is the snag. A frock lasts as long as its sleeves and tight ones soon give out at the seams and presently at the elbow. However, they are too attractive to be resisted.

When buying the material for this winter's frock, get enough for a skirt as well. It takes very little and with the aid of a good pattern is quite simple to make. The skirt and a woven jumper can be worn alternately with the frock.

Simple Renovations.

Later on, when the sleeves of the frock wear out, new ones can be made out of the skirt and there will be no difference in the state of the materials, as so often happens with renovated clothes. Any shine on the skirt can easily be removed by sponging with a solution of ammonia and water or rubbing with a raw potato.

Make the frock with a large circular front opening, so that light vests can be worn. On a dark frock they are just as effective as light collars and cuffs and only a fraction of the trouble. Make the vest-square and allow a wide margin to go under the



frock. It can either be pinned to the undergarment or fitted with press studs to fasten on to the neck opening.

The variety of these fronts is endless—plain material, patterned material, tucked, lace trimmed, embroidered.

Ringing the Changes.

They can be bought quite cheaply or made from remnants and, as they take about five minutes to wash and iron, it is no trouble to be always spick and span.

By ringing the changes in this way the life of the frock is considerably lengthened, as no one could tire of a frock that looked different every few days.

Have one vest of the same material as the frock, so that light collars and cuffs can be changed without giving the baby effect of too many accessories.

THESE CHILDREN OF OURS.

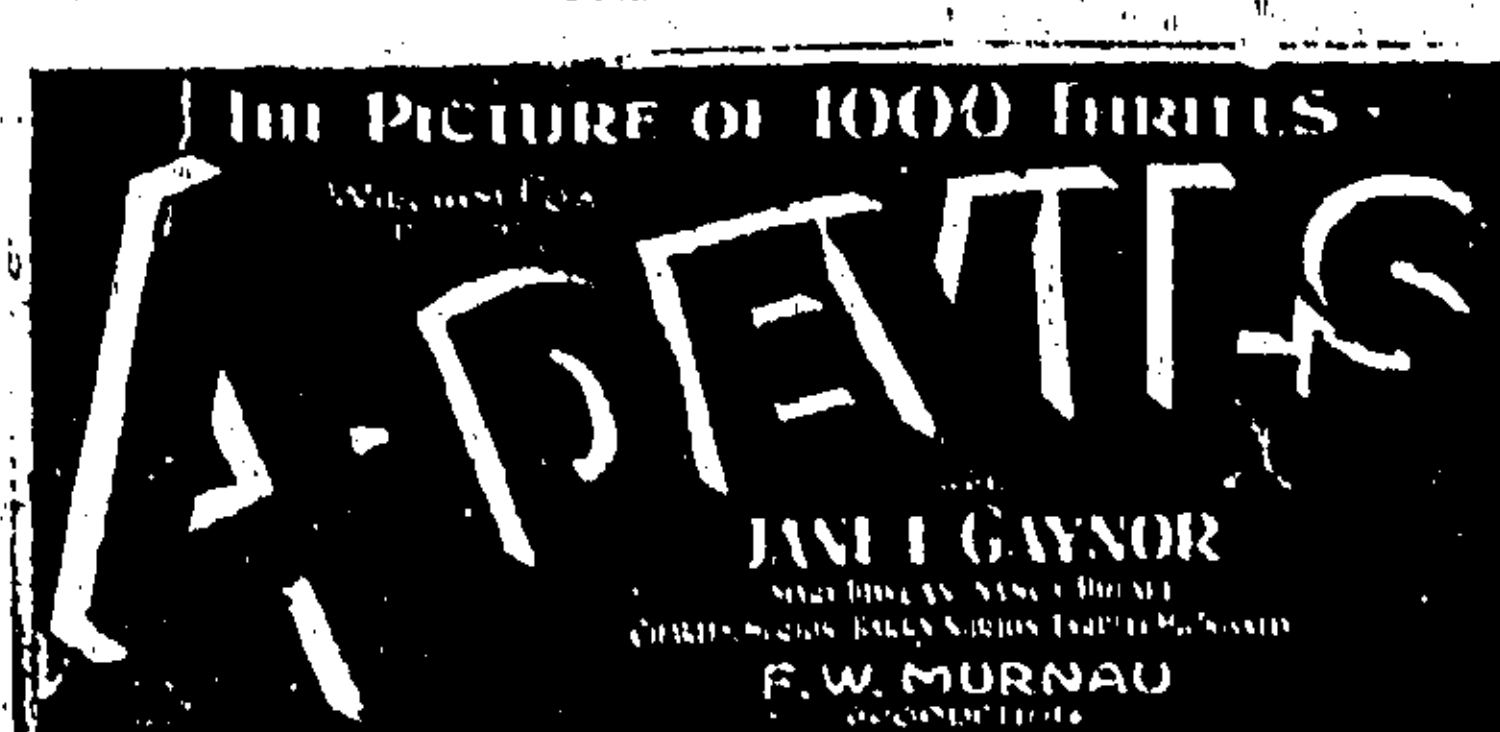
A CATECHISM STORY.

A small girl was bridesmaid a little while ago to her eldest sister, who married a peer. She was naturally very much impressed by the service in church, and the reception afterwards with all the party, food and presents. When the wedding was over she remarked to her mother, "When I grow up I think I will marry a duke." Her mother, startled by such precocious worldliness, said gently, "Darling, when you grow up I hope you will marry a man whom you love."

The little girl considered this carefully. "Do you know, mummy, I think I could almost make myself love a duke." How seldom ambitious mothers are blessed with children like this!

A little boy while learning his catechism was asked the question, "What did your godfathers and godmothers then for you?" He started with the correct answer, "They did promise and give three things in my name," thought for a moment, and continued, "First, that I should do no manner of work, except my school work, except my school work, except my school work." This was probably a prophecy.

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U.S. INVESTORS NERVOUS.

REASSURING STATEMENT
BY PRES. HOOVER.

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN
BUSINESS STRUCTURE.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Expressing complete confidence in the soundness of the United States business structure, President Hoover announced to-day that a conference will take place next week between business leaders and Government officials to discuss plans for assisting constructive business through concerted action.

The President declared that any lack of confidence in the fundamental economic condition of the country is "simply foolish," in his opinion.

This action by the President is expected to have a markedly stabilizing effect upon conditions quite irrespective of direct actions of the conference. Yesterday's mere expression of optimism from Washington created a bull market in New York after what had seemed a continuation of last week's crash, and the moral effect of the President's move will probably be even greater.

Economists and market observers have repeatedly voiced the view expressed to-day by the President, and the weight of expert opinion is expected to prove a major factor in remedying the state of nervousness of the American investor.

Money in Wrong Channels.

In the course of his announcement, the President said that he had engaged in numerous conferences with important business leaders and officials during the past week.

As a result of the laying of this ground-work, he is calling, for the middle of next week, a preliminary conference of representatives of the various industries, of agriculture and of labour, to meet with the Secretaries of the Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce and Labour and with the chairman of the Federal Farm Board in order "to develop certain definite steps" which may be taken.

"For instance," the President continued, "one of the results of the speculative period through which we have passed in recent months has been the diversion of capital into the security market, with a consequent lagging of construction work throughout the country."

"The postponement of construction, during the past month, not only in connection with buildings, railways, merchant marine and public utilities but also federal, state and municipal public works, provides a substantial reserve for prompt expanded action."

Mr. Hoover said that the strong cash position of the manufacturing industries is assured.

"The magnificent working of the Federal Reserve System, together with the inherently sound condition of the banks, has already brought about an increase in interest rates and an assurance of abundant capital," he went on.

"The is the first time this result has been so swiftly achieved under similar circumstances."

The market, boom and its results were caused both by over-optimism and over-pessimism, which were equally unjustified, in the opinion of the Chief Executive.

Tragic Loss of Savings.
"The sad thing," he pointed out, "is the fact that many unfortunate people were drawn into the vortex of these movements, with a tragic loss of saving and reserves."

"Any lack of confidence in the economic future and basic strength of business in the United States is simply foolish. Our national capacity for hard work and intelligent co-operation is an ample guarantee for the future."

President Hoover said that words are not important during a period of economic disturbance, but action counts.

"The next practical step," said he, "is the organising and co-ordinating of the forward movement of business through the revival of construction activities, the stimulation of exports, and all other legitimate business expansion, especially if we take such action in concert with the use of our new powers to assist agriculture."

"Fortunately the soundness, capacity and readiness for co-operation of our business leaders and Governmental agencies gives assurance of action."—United Press.

Moscow.—After being on leave since the beginning of the summer, Rykoff, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, has returned to Moscow and has resumed his duties.

ARMISTICE DAY AT WEIHAIWEI.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

There are some annual functions—for instance, on the King's Birthday and Armistice Day—when at the summons of the King's Representative there are gatherings of the community as a whole, irrespective of class or race, which serve more than one useful purpose: at which we of Weihaiwei, find ourselves wondering if it is to be the last of its kind under the British flag: a day which seem to give point to the old saying that threatened lives live long.

The 1922 agreement regarding rendition was prepared at Weihaiwei by the joint Anglo-Chinese Commission and duly published, but it did not find favour with the Governments concerned. What is known as the "1924 Agreement" was negotiated at Peking, but not published, and undoubtedly the Territory of Weihaiwei would have been restored to China at that time but for the revolt of the Christian General, who, imprisoning the President, destroyed even the semblance of orderly Government and by his action inflicted ruinous losses on his quondam friend and leader, Wu Pei Fu, then involved in heavy fighting against the Manchurian Warlord in the neighbourhood of the Great Wall.

The haste with which the Powers agreed to "recognize" the Nanking Government has led to a revival of official discussions regarding Weihaiwei and a few weeks ago the British Minister was on the point of going to Nanking, presumably to sign the treaty and make final arrangements, when General Feng's new revolt put a stop to further negotiation.

Once more then—thanks again to the Christian General!—we breathe more freely and, perhaps for the last time, have celebrated Armistice Day under our own flag.

H.M.S. Suffolk Takes Part.

The presence in port of a warship—H.M.S. Suffolk, Captain G. S. Arbuthnot, R.N., D.S.O.—was very helpful in rendering the ceremony this year more impressive than usual, the ship supplying its band, a naval Guard of Honour under Commander C.E.B. Simeon, R.N., and a Marine Guard under Lieut. J. Harvey, R.M.L.I. A company of the Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders, with Captain C. L. Campbell, M.C., as O. C. Troops, acts as our garrison during the winter months and their presence for the first time at a local function, their picturesque uniform, their general soldierly bearing, excited considerable interest and attention. One solidly hollow square round the Cenotaph was occupied by a detachment of our locally-trained military Police, led by Inspectors Jennings and Christie, and very few of those present could fail to remind themselves of what we owe to this fine body of men for their efficient, if unobtrusive, work for the peace the community enjoys for the general sense of security we all experience in these troublous times.

Representative Assembly.

The memorial service, conducted by Rev. H. Mathews, our local Chaplain, was attended by H.H. The Commissioner and his staff, including the Senior District Officer, Mr. H. A. T. B. Archer; Capt. C. E. Thurston, M.C., Junior District Officer, Dr. L. McGillick, Medical Officer, and Mr. P. D. Crawley, Financial Secretary—representatives of the Navy, Army and Police Forces, as mentioned above: practically all foreign residents; and a large number of Chinese, including a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce.

The usual two-minute's silence was followed by the sounding of the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" and by the laying of floral tributes at the base of the monument: the ceremony concluding with the march past of the various groups of armed men before the Commissioner at a saluting base on the Bund.

An interesting point under the Merchandise Marks Act was decided by Alderman Jenks, sitting at the Mansion House, London, last month, when a firm was alleged to have advertised imported rubber tyres without including in the advertisement an indication of the origin of the goods. Under the advertisement appeared in very small type the addresses of the factories producing the tyres, and the whole point in dispute was whether this complied with the Act, which states that an indication of origin should be given.

The court ruled that it did not, and imposed a fine of 20s. and 25s. costs.

SIDE LIGHTS ON PROHIBITION.

51,000 ARRESTS IN SIX MONTHS.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Replying to a Senate request for information as to what had been done with an extra appropriation given for prohibition enforcement, Mr. Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, reported to-day that arrests between April 1 and October 31, 1929, for alleged violations of the national prohibition act had amounted to a total of 51,609.

This compared with a total of 45,581 arrests for the previous corresponding period, but fewer prosecutions were recorded.

Good Liquor, Still and Cars.

It was reported that the following seizures by prohibition enforcement authorities had been made:—

Still—5,440.

Malt liquor—1,761,004 gallons.

Spirits—703,783 gallons.

Automobiles valued at \$81,801,885.

These compared with seizures of 9,031 stills, 2,004,441 gallons of malt liquor, 600,687 gallons of spirits and automobiles valued at \$81,675,306 for the previous corresponding period.

Mr. Mellon said that 275 additional prohibition enforcement agents had been employed.

The report was accompanied by a letter from Dr. James M. Moran, commissioner of prohibition, explaining that the quality of the enforcement work has been markedly improved because of the possibilities of greater investigation.

A Statesman's Lapse?

Washington, Nov. 19.—A District of Columbia grand jury to-day returned an indictment in which Representative Edward E. Denison of Marion, Ill., is charged with violation of the national prohibition act.

The Denison indictment resulted from discovery of a leaking suitcase which told its tale tellingly and by odour in the Union Station. The case was addressed to John Layne Denison, secretary of the representative, in care of the latter.

A subsequent search of Denison's house and office building disclosed that a trunk had been shipped on the same ticket.

The truck which removed the trunk was traced to Mr. Denison's office, which prohibition agents broke open and raided. They said that they found whiskey within.

The indictment, which also named John Layne Denison, caused a sensation in Washington to-day.

Representative Denison immediately declared that he never drank. It is reported that he also denied ownership of the confiscated goods.

GERMAN SOLDIER IN

CHINA.

A BOXER REBELLION
VETERAN.

According to information from Peking, Chiang Kai Shek has now confirmed the nomination of Lieut. Col. Kriebel as military adviser to the Chinese Government, whose duty it will be to reorganize the Chinese Army, states the *Morning Post's* Berlin correspondent.

His first military experience was with the German Army in the Boxer revolution. During the Great War he was an officer attached to the General Staff, and after Germany's defeat he represented Bavaria on the Disarmament Commission at Spt. In 1924 he took part in the Hitler *putsch*, and was later condemned to five years' imprisonment for high treason. He was, however, relieved after a few months, in company with his fellow-conspirators.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kriebel then looked for fresh adventure in Austria, where he became military organizer of the Heimwehr, in the Karnten district. He remained there until he received an invitation from the Nanking Government. German official circles disassociate themselves entirely from his movements.

A replica of the Eros statue which formerly stood in Piccadilly, London, is to be presented to Liverpool by Mr. George Audley, of Southport, and the Liverpool Parks and Gardens Committee has accepted the gift, subject to the approval of the City Council. The statue will be placed in Sefton Park in about twelve months' time. Mr. Audley has already given to the city a replica of the statue of Peter Pan, and the extension of the Walker Art Gallery which is now proceeding.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S REFORMS.

DUTIES OF MINISTRIES.

ELIMINATING UNDESIRABLE
ELEMENTS.

Nanking, Nov. 21.—According to official despatches received here from Chengchow, General Chiang Kai Shek, Chairman of the National Government who is personally directing military operations at the front against the Kuomintang, is drafting a long memorandum to be shortly submitted to the National Government for official approval.

In this memorandum, General Chiang will propose the introduction of numerous important reform measures in the Government. While the drafting of this memorandum has not yet been completed and details of the proposals cannot be obtained, it is understood that it will be divided into more than ten parts, and the cause for preparing it is due to General Chiang's desire to eliminate certain undesirable features of the present Government.

According to reliable information it will strongly oppose the practice of important leaders in the Central Government holding the various Government offices as well as in the provincial governments. This practice is regarded as one of the principal reasons for the alleged corruption and inefficiency of the present government. It is, therefore, the hope of General Chiang that such practice will be prohibited.

Ministerial Duties.

Another reform measure which the Chairman of the National Government wishes to submit to the authorities is a clear-cut definition of the work and duties of the various ministries. This issue has been a source of constant friction in government circles. As a result a number of reconstruction projects are being held up and the progress of many government enterprises is meeting with interference. General Chiang is stated to be making a bitter attack in his proposed memorandum upon such irregularities.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE,
C.M.G., CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Chinese Company.

SQUAD DRILL.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at Central Police Station on Thursday, November 28, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress: Mufti.

Indian Company.

STRENGTH.

Constable R259 Ghulam Mohamed II. has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from November 21, 1929.

TRAINING COURSE—PART I.

The following members have been passed out as efficient in Part I. of Training Course (squad drill and rifle exercises):—

Constables R259 Jiwan Singh, R253 Mohamed Ahsan, R255 Sheikh Abdullah and R258 Sakimman Siban.

PARADE.

All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, December 3, for drill under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with white cover, and belt. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, November 26. Fall in at Tsimtsatui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform, and cap with white cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, November 28. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

RIFLE PRACTICE.

Rifle practice will be carried out on the Peak Range on Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m. Members will assemble at the Upper Peak Tram Station at that hour. Uniform optional.

(Sd.) W. KEST, A.S.P.
Adjutant.

Hong Kong, November 25, 1929.

ROUND THE COURTS.

MR. BLAIR'S DISHONEST
COOLIE.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. A. W. C. H. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday on a house coolie employed by Mr. K. G. Blair at 16 Bowen Road.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, prosecuting, said that at 4 p.m. on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Blair went into the garden to have tea and remained there until about 5.30. When they returned to the house they found that their bedroom door had been bolted from the inside.

On investigation it was found that \$10 had been stolen from a wardrobe in the room. Following a search, the money was eventually found in a dust-bin.

Sergeant Kennedy stated that he had no doubt that the defendant had intended absconding with the money after his employers had retired for the night.

BOLD THIEF CAUGHT.

At 4.43 p.m. on Sunday at the Po Loi jewellery shop at 97, Queen's Road Central, a good deal of excitement was caused by a Chinese customer. After inspecting a tray of rings taken from a showman he calmly put two in his pocket and attempted to dash out of the shop. He was stopped and handed over to the Police, and at Central Magistracy yesterday was sent to prison for six weeks by Major C. Willson.

THE VANISHING TRICK: USES OF A LONG COAT.

A shoplifter who attempted to steal two fountain pens from a shop at 124, Des Voeux Road Central was caught in the act by a watchman employed in the shop and was sent to a month's hard labour.

It was stated at Central Magistracy that the defendant wore a Chinese long coat with wide sleeves and that he had succeeded in stealing one pen which he placed in a pocket in an inner jacket by passing it in through his wide sleeves. He was in the act of concealing a second pen when he was arrested.

Inspector Shaanoo stated that recently a number of ladies had reported to the police that their handbags had disappeared while they were shopping, and that in a several instances the presence of a "long-coated gentleman" had been noted.

BANISHEE CAUGHT.

Sentenced to six years' hard labour in 1922 for armed robbery and subsequently banished for life from the Colony, a Chinese found the attractions of Hong Kong irresistible and was soon back here again. He was caught by the Police in Kowloon and yesterday Mr. W. Schofield sent him to prison for a year in addition to ordering twelve strokes of the birch.

CHILD HAWKERS.

Several children of both sexes were taken before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday for hawking without license. In the case of those who found bail, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$4. Those were not able to find bail, and consequently had already spent a night in the Police cells, were cautioned. One who had a previous conviction against him was ordered to be detained two and half hours, and one other, who claimed that he had no parents, was sent to the Waifs' Club.

DAMAGING ROAD SURFACE.

Three women and a man, who were engaged in removing stones from the road surface on the Castle Peak Road were arrested on Sunday and were charged before Mr. Schofield yesterday with damaging the road surface.

Sub-Inspector Hoare said the defendants were seen digging up the tarmacadam on the old Castle Peak Road. At that particular part, the new road would be laid over the old road, and the removal of the stones under the tarmacadam, which seemed to be defendants' object, would weaken the foundations of the roadway. Defendants were fined \$7 each.

"IRONSIDES" SWEEP ONWARDS.

CONVERGING ON CANTON DEFENCES.

A SERIOUS MENACE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, November 25.

If there is any intention on the part of the "Ironsides" to "call off" their offensive against Canton, in view of the serious state of affairs in Manchuria, it is not yet apparent.

So far from uniting in China's common cause against the Soviet, it appears that they are pursuing their attack upon Kwangtung in a more determined manner than ever.

Utter confusion and chaos are prevailing in the north-western portion of Kwangtung. The whole region is overrun by bandits and the "Ironsides," the Cantonese troops having been withdrawn to Sunshui and Yingtak. The bandits under the notorious Mok Hung and Siang Sau Tsing have taken advantage of the situation and captured city after city.

A big portion of the "Ironsides" have now entered Ichang and are reported to be marching eastward with Shukwan as their first objective. Simultaneous with this drive, another line of attack has started a little further down to the south of the first route with Taing Yuen and Yingtak as the objective. Rumours are current here that Shukwan has already fallen into the hands of the "Ironsides," and that Major-General Tan Tao Yuen's men have evacuated the city. At any rate all the rolling stock of the Canton-Hankow Railway at the northern terminus has been removed to Canton, while the Branch Office of the Central Bank of China in Shukwan has also been removed.

ON THE WEST RIVER.

On the West River the Kwangsi troops under Wong Shiu Hung and Li Tsung Jen have reached Tak-hing, a strategic point a little above Shihling and Wai Tsap. The Kwangsi troops entered these places without having to fire a single shot, the few Cantonese troops there retreating towards Shihling and Sunshui at their approach. The inhabitants of Shihling are very apprehensive, as they fear that their town will be next to fall, which is very probable, for the Canton Higher Command is not likely to make any serious efforts to protect it.

LI TSUNG JEN AND WONG SHIU HUNG IN WUCHOW.

The latest telegraphic advices to hand state that Generals Li Tsung Jen and Wong Shiu Hung, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Commander of the Kwangsi Armies, have now arrived in Wuchow from Sunshui. They are reorganizing the Kwangsi units, making such changes as necessary for the second invasion of Kwangtung. All the military titles granted by Nanking have been abandoned, and Lui Woon Im, hitherto commander of the 16th Division, is now called "Commander of the 3rd Division."

The situation on both the West and North Rivers is believed to be critical.

RELIEF FOR CANTON DELAYED.

The news has been received that the two divisions of Nanking troops which were expected to arrive in Canton until after the 1st of next month. Eighteen ships are being commandeered in Shanghai and Ningpo for the purpose. General Ho Ying Ching, a most trusted officer of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, is reported to be accompanying

DEMONSTRATION IN CANTON.

FAITH IN LEADERS EXPRESSED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Nov. 25.

A huge popular anti-Kwangsi-Ironsides demonstration was staged this morning at 10 o'clock on the East-Parade-Ground. The crowd, consisting largely of students, police, soldiers and labourers, was several thousand strong. Banners bearing anti-Chang Fat Fui and anti-Kwangsi slogans were much in evidence. Speeches were delivered by officials from a big platform erected for the purpose. Standards were presented to General Chen Tsai Tong by various public organizations.

After the meeting the demonstrators paraded through the principal thoroughfares of the city, shouting slogans as they went.

Canton is solidly behind the present men in power in their fight to keep the Province from falling into the hands of either Chang Fat Fui or Wong Shiu Hung. This is especially true of the merchant class.

COUNTER-ATTACK ON WUCHOW.

THREE DIVISIONS, PLANES AND GUNBOATS.

The Canton Higher Command has decided to launch an offensive against the Kwangsi troops on the West River front. This is in accordance with the orders of the Nanking Government which has dispatched troops, aeroplanes and gunboats to assist the Kwangtung troops in the campaign.

On Saturday General Chen Tsai Tong and General Chen Ming Shu held a military conference at which it was decided that the 2nd Division under Heung Hon Ping, the 1st Division under Chiang Kwang Nai, the Nanking 3rd Division under Chen Chi-Cheng, the Canton flotilla and the air force should attack the Kwangsi Army and aim at capturing Wuchow. Meanwhile the 6th Division under Tsai Ting Kai should advance into Kwangsi via Szewui, Kwongning and Wai-chap to attack Li Tsung Jen's army in the rear. The date fixed for the offensive has not been revealed but it is expected in the course of the next few days.

General Chen Tsai Tong dispatched ten aeroplanes on Sunday to bombard Wuchow with circulars advising everyone to leave the place within twenty-four hours.

"Defend Canton At All Costs."

News of the "Ironsides" is conflicting. Information from reliable sources reveals that they have left the Linyang districts and are on the way to Shukwan. Five thousand mines have been laid in the North River but the Kwangtung troops will not risk a decisive action before the Nanking reinforcements arrive.

General Chen Tsai Tong has been instructed by Chiang Kai Shek to defend Canton at any cost. The latter added in his telegram that three gunboats, the Tsuyu, Tsuyu, and Tsuyung of the Peiyang fleet left Shanghai for Canton on the 24th. The German adviser to the Nanking Government forces is expected at any time now.

FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE WUCHOW.

A Naval message states that arrangements have been made for Wuchow to be evacuated by British residents if necessary. The situation at Wuchow is quiet at present. The Nationalists at Shihling have warned merchant vessels not to pass above Shihling. It is reported that Kwangsi forces are moving down river and that fighting is expected near Shihling.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOSTEL.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE BUILDING FUND.

The Joint Hon. Treasurers of the Organising Committee of the University Women's Hostel beg to acknowledge the following further donations:

Mrs. Loh Ah Phang—	
Kuala Lumpur.....	100.00
Mrs. Wyatt.....	25.00
Miss Cheong Kipe.....	10.00
S. Laurence Missionary	
sale of work per Rev.	
T. N. R. Griffin.....	65.99
Per Miss Hilda Yuen.....	49.20
Miss Irene Ung.....	25.00
Dr. P. C. Lai.....	25.00
Per Miss Hilda Yuen	
(additional amount).....	20.00
Bank interest on June	
30, 1929.....	114.96
Already acknowledged.....	14,056.04
	\$14,400.40

LANDLORD SUED BY TENANT.

SILK GOODS DAMAGED BY RAIN.

Mr. Hassaram Gianchand, trading as Kashmir Silk Store, 36A, Queen's Road Central, sued the owner of the premises, Mr. Li Koon Chun, 81, Wing Lok Street, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Summary Court yesterday for \$293. Plaintiff claimed this sum on the ground that defendant had committed a breach of a covenant in a lease dated February 2, 1929, whereby he undertook to keep the building in a good and tenable state of repair, or, alternatively he claimed the amount as damages suffered to silk goods through water leaking from the roof on September 15.

Mr. D. L. Strellett was for plaintiff and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson for defendant.

Mr. Strellett explained that on September 11 damage amounting to \$15 was done because of rain leaking through the roof. On the following day, plaintiff wrote to the Wo Fat Shing, agents for defendant, notifying them of the need for repairs and indicating that they would hold the landlord liable for further damage. Torrential rain fell on September 15, damaging goods to the extent of the amount claimed, no steps having been taken to effect repairs after the first warning.

Correspondence between the parties and their solicitors was put in. Defendant denied that damage was caused through lack of repairs. It was admitted that there was rain on the day in question, and the amount of the alleged damage was not disputed.

Suggestion by the Defence.

Plaintiff agreed, in reply to Mr. Tinson, that the roof of the adjoining house was one floor higher than his own premises. He denied that he saw scaffolding when he examined the roof on September 12.

Mr. Tinson suggested that the defect was caused through operations on the adjoining roof. He would prove that the Wo Fat Shing receipt of the complaint, immediately gave instructions for repairs. It was perfectly true that the landlord himself knew nothing about it.

Mr. J. Caer Clark, of Messrs. Clark and Lu, Architects, deposed to receiving instructions from the Wo Fat Shing and getting repair plans prepared which were approved by the Building Authority on September 19.

Further hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF NELSON DAY CONCERT.

Mr. M. G. Marriott, secretary of the local branch of the Navy League, sends us the following detailed statement of the financial results of the concert held in the Lee Theatre on Nelson Day.

The sum of £150 has already been remitted to the Home Office of the Navy League, £120 of which will be allocated to their Charitable Funds and the balance to the Home Office General Fund.

Mr. Marriott wishes through our columns "to take this opportunity once more to express the thanks of his Committee to all those whose voluntary assistance at the concert was responsible for these splendid results."

RECEIPTS.	
By Sale of Tickets.....	\$1,234.20
By Sale of Programmes, Cigarettes and Chocolates.....	549.02
Advertisements in Programmes.....	900.00
Total.....	\$2,683.22

EXPENDITURE.	
To Advertising.....	\$ 10.00
To Hire of Piano.....	26.00
To Health Bureau.....	40.00
To Ribbons, Flowers.....	60.00
To Sundries.....	4.35
To Gratuities.....	35.00
To Electric Light Co.....	30.00
To Transportation of Bands and Servicemen.....	97.50
To Transportation of Scenery, platforms, car fares, Labour on Stage.....	129.00
To Refreshments for Bands, helpers on and off the Stage.....	285.63
To Printing Posters, Programmes, Tickets, and advertising matter.....	470.52
Total.....	\$1,183.00
To profit.....	1,500.22
Total.....	\$2,683.22

REVENUE OFFICER SUMMONED.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON K.C.R. EMPLOYEES.

HIT WITH A SPANNER.

Revenue Officer T. Tallon was before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on a summons taken out by two employees of the Kowloon-Canton Railway for alleged assault.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Revenue Officer, while Mr. F. C. E. Rendall prosecuted on behalf of the two complainants. Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports & Exports Department held a watching brief.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. Andrewes said that a cross summons had been issued against the two complainants and another fireman by Revenue Officer Tallon for possession of two cakes of raw opium without a permit. As the summons for assault had been issued first he suggested that it should be heard first.

Mr. Rendall also mentioned that he was prosecuting on behalf of the two defendants, and was defending all three in the opium charge.

The Case Outlined.

Outlining his case, Mr. Rendall said that the complainants were a driver and fireman employed by the K.C.R. The former was a man of 11 years service while the fireman had served six or seven years with the Railway. On October 10, they were in charge of train no. 13, a Canton express, which arrived at Kowloon Station at 7.22 p.m. Another fireman, the man mentioned in the opium charge, was also working on the same engine.

When the train arrived at the Station and came to a standstill, the two firemen got off to do their usual duties underneath the engine. The driver remained in the cabin.

As soon as they got out, a European, stated to be the defendant, and a Chinese boarded the cabin of the engine. They were dressed in plain clothes and gave no reason for boarding the engine. The European went to the tool-box and made a search. What they were after the driver had no idea and on enquiring he was struck by the European a blow under his chin. He shouted to the fireman, Leung Choi, under the engine. The latter came up with a spanner in his hand, which he had been using for his work. He saw the European pick up a spanner and aim a blow at the driver's head. The latter ducked and the spanner struck a water gauge which burst filling the cabin with steam. The European turned on the fireman, Leung Choi, and without any warning struck him a blow on his head. The driver then ran out of the cabin.

Not content with what had happened in the cabin, defendant struck the men again on the platform. As a result complainant was unable to drive the engine back to the Yards, and the second fireman was obliged to take charge of the train. The two complainants accompanied him and reported the matter to the Mechanical Engineer Mr. Smith, who took them to the Kowloon Hospital. They were examined by Dr. Valentine and remained in the Hospital for three days. As soon as they were released they took out the summons against the defendant.

A Very Trying Journey.

Mr. Rendall remarked that the journey from Canton was some 100 miles and took over four hours. The complainants' work was very tiring and trying owing to people and cattle straying on the line. If they were to be interfered with as they had been on the day in question, it would mean trouble amongst the workmen. Mr. Rendall said that he knew that Revenue Officers had the power to search and to go where they wanted, but in the present case, where the responsibility for the train and its passengers lay in the hands of the driver of the engine, the officer should explain himself before entering the cabin.

Mr. Rendall asked his Worship to deal with the case seriously if he found the summons proved. He knew that there had been cases of opium being found in the cabin of the engine, "but neither Revenue Officers nor anybody else, could go beyond their duty," said Mr. Rendall. The train must be brought to a standstill and the lives of the passengers are to be considered. The driver and men on the engine could not do this under interference such as they received that day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONG KONG NIGHTS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—If one whose dancing days are long over, but who can well understand the point of view of those one-third of his age, may say a word on the question raised by "Dancer," I should like to make this suggestion to the ladies of the Colony—why not dance for charity?

This is my idea—that books of tickets be printed and issued by local charities, such as the Benevolent Society, Tung Wah Hospital, and so on, say at \$5 for 25 tickets. With such a book, let it be agreed that a gentleman may produce his book and ask a lady for a dance at any public dance, even without the formality of an introduction. If she is not disposed to grant him the favour, she can say so without offence being given or taken; if she does want to dance, she takes the preferred ticket.

Ladies agreeing to this arrangement might like to keep these tickets and send them to the various charities at the end of the month, to show what had been done. Possibly somebody might offer a small prize to the lady sending in the largest number of tickets.

I realise this plan would need careful working-out in detail, and more than all it requires the hearty co-operation of the ladies of the Colony, but knowing how keen they always are in helping charitable causes, I think they would help willingly.

I think this would meet the requirements mentioned by "Dancer" and others without the drawbacks of the so-called "suspenny dip" system. At any rate, I make the suggestion for what it may be worth.—Yours, etc.,

OLD TIMER.

Hong Kong, November 24.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, said that the two complainants were admitted to the Hospital at about 9 p.m. on October 10. The engine driver complained of having been struck under the chin. Witness found an abrasion on the spot indicated. The driver also had other abrasions on the left elbow and end of the side. The fireman had a wound on his head about two inches long. They remained in the Hospital for three days.

Duties of the Driver.

Mr. James Smith, Acting Chief Engineer, of the K.C.R., said that he received a message and went to the office where he saw the driver and fireman. The latter's head was bleeding, while the driver complained of having been hit under the chin. He was spitting blood. He took them to the Kowloon Hospital where they were kept for three days.

Speaking of the duties of the driver and fireman, witness said that the driver had to use extreme care in judging when to come alongside the platform at the Station. When the engine was stationary the driver had to examine his steam gauge and Westinghouse gauge, check the amount of fire in the fire-box and the water by the water-gauge glass. One fireman had to go under the engine and "feel" the bearings, while the other uncoupled the water hose.

Witness went on to explain to the Court the workings of the water gauge, and Mr. Andrewes intimated that he would probably ask his Worship to visit the cabin of the engine so that he could see things for himself.

The Driver's Evidence.

The driver said that after the train came to a standstill, a European (Revenue Officer Tallon) accompanied by a Chinese boarded the cabin of the engine and proceeded to search the tool box and under the driver's seat. They did not say who they were and witness had never seen them before. He asked them what they wanted and was told to keep quiet. Then he noticed that too much water was going into the boiler and he moved across the cabin to turn off the tap. The European turned and struck him a blow under the chin. He remonstrated and the European picked up a spanner and struck at his head. He dodged and the blow broke the water gauge and the escaping steam filled the cabin. The fireman, Leung Choi, then came up into the cabin and witness jumped out on the railway lines. He was stopped by the Chinese who was with Revenue Officer Tallon, and was seized and struck on the chest. He was dragged up on to the platform where the fireman was sitting on the ground.

The European left them telling them that they could take the engine back to the Yards. He was too weak to work, but the other fireman took the train and he went as passenger. He reported the matter to Mr. Smith and went to hospital.

Further evidence was given and the hearing resumed.

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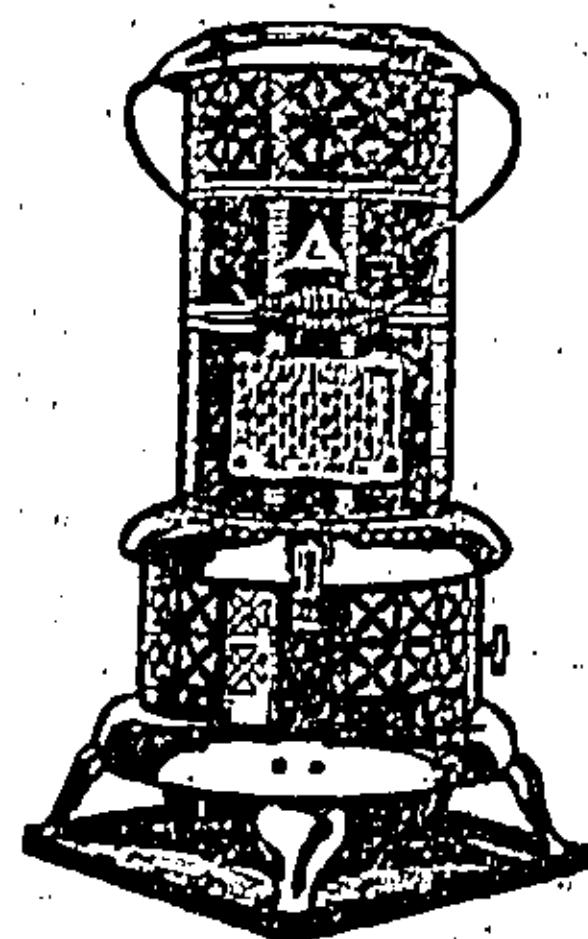
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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
26th November, 1929. [8673]

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.15 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone remains stationary over China and S. Manchuria. The typhoon is situated about 400 miles to the south of the Bonins, moving N. or N.N.E. Fresh to strong monsoon will continue along the China Coast and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine.

A message from Manila last night, 9 p.m., reports a typhoon in about 135 deg. Long E., 19 deg. Lat. N., moving N.W.

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"BOOSTING" BRITISH TRADE.

BEHIND the brief announcement by Mr. J. H. THOMAS of his conference with motor-car manufacturers with a view to developing export trade there is quite a romantic story. During the Motor Show at Olympia last month members of the council of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders were suddenly summoned to the Treasury in Whitehall to meet Mr. THOMAS, who is unofficially known as "Minister for Unemployment." Those who responded to this urgent summons to meet a Cabinet Minister were pledged to strict secrecy. Nothing was published in the Press as to the object, or the result of the conference, but it was generally assumed that the meeting was called to discuss the questions whether, and how, the motor industry could assist Mr. THOMAS in his task of finding work for the many able and willing men still unfortunately unable to obtain employment. Next day a more sensational announcement was made—that the Prudential Assurance Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world, had agreed to advance £1,000,000 for the merchandising of British motor-cars abroad. These two highly interesting incidents put together form a romantic background for the matter-of-fact announcement just made in London to the Press that Mr. THOMAS is discussing with the motor trade certain matters vitally affecting that industry.

The great success won by British motor-cars at the recent show in London in competition with vehicles from abroad is believed to have formed the basis of the negotiations. It is recognised that British cars now stand a better chance than ever before of competing in the overseas market; and Mr. THOMAS was anxious to see how the position could be turned to advantage in regard to increased exports. One thing the manufacturers made clear is that the Government, if the industry is to be stabilised, must make a clear pronouncement on the McKenna duties. They pointed out that they could not make plans ahead if they were kept in a state of uncertainty. Mr. THOMAS, however, put forward tentative proposals which silenced all argument, and the manufacturers expressed satisfaction with the result of their conference, inasmuch as the keynote of the meeting with Mr. THOMAS was one of co-operation. The possible effect of an increased export trade in motor-cars is shown by the official estimate that this year the United States has shipped abroad approximately 550,000 units. If Britain could do the same it would mean direct employment for more than half a million men, who, with their dependents, would total some one and a half million persons. It is also estimated that this year the United States has shipped approximately 214,000 cars to the British Dominions. This figure approximates closely to the probable production figures of British factories for 1929. Thus, if British manufacturers could only obtain this Empire business they could double production and create employment in England to an appreciable extent.

It seems, then, that Britain is to "declare war" against the United States and other countries so far as the motor industry is concerned. The million sterling to be advanced by the Prudential Assurance Company is not the full sum to be expended in expanding British overseas trade in motor-cars. It is to be used in financing sales, erecting service-stations abroad, and for other purposes designed to put British manufacturers in a better position to fight competitors in the Dominion markets. It is believed that Mr. THOMAS was attracted to the motor industry problem because of the enormous number of subsidiary industries associated with it. Starting from coal, it includes the steel and iron industries, leather, rubber, timber, machine-tools, electrical apparatus, and metal trades. Obviously, any great development of the export trade in motor-cars would react upon all these and other industries, consequently Mr. THOMAS called this conference with the leading members of the trade, and asked them to submit suggestions for developing overseas business. These proposals were duly submitted, and last week's cable from London suggests that the Government has been impressed by the possibilities. Execution of the plan probably will necessitate continuance of the McKenna duties upon foreign cars, abolition of the present horse-power tax on cars, which hampers competition overseas with American and other automobiles, and the evolution of some scheme for the joint marketing abroad of British cars. The news received last week suggested that in place of the present tax based on horse-power the Government would impose a petrol-tax—a change which has been urged for years by many motorists who complained that the other system was an unfair one, especially for owners who only use their cars for a few hours at the week-end. The more important aspect of this question, however, is that the horse-power tax encouraged manufacturers to turn out cars with small engines in order to minimise taxation based on horse-power. With the tax put on petrol instead, makers will be encouraged to turn out cars of increased power, and so meet the keen competition of foreign-built automobiles.

The news last week that the bank rate had been again reduced—this time from 6 to 5½ per cent.—is another very encouraging sign. A month ago the bank rate was 6½ per cent., a figure which made any attempt to encourage national development or reduce unemployment almost hopeless. The building of new roads, drainage schemes, extension of electrical supplies are all excellent in their way as helping to solve the unemployment problem, but a development of industry and commerce is much the better scheme if it can be done. This great experiment in the motor industry has tremendous possibilities, and the fact that a concern like the Prudential Assurance Company is prepared to back it to the extent of a million sterling indicates that the plan must be regarded by competent observers as quite feasible. Every one realises that the unemployment problem is a most difficult one. The fact that a Labour Government is in power does not mean that the problem is any the easier to solve. Mr. THOMAS has not been so foolish as to pretend that he, alone of all men, has been able to find a complete solution. He knows quite well that where Mr. LOYD GEORGE and Mr. BALDWIN failed, the Labour Government, too, may fail. It is becoming more widely recognised that British trade—and therefore the unemployment problem—will not come right by itself. "Something" must be done—but what, and by whom? Some say by the State, others by employers, by bankers, or by the workers themselves, in accepting less wages or longer hours, or both. Mr. THOMAS seems to be attacking the problem on the right lines, and if he succeeds in the motor industry, he may be equally successful with Lancashire trade. There, again, it is freely admitted that "something" must be done to restore prosperity to the textile industries, but what, when, and by whom is not yet agreed upon.

News and Views.

A meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce takes place on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m.

The Sanitary Board at to-day's meeting will consider a letter from the Government relative to the proposed appointment of the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services to be a member of the Board in place of the Medical Officer of Health. The other business is of a routine nature.

Among passengers arriving here by the s.s. President McKinley from Manila are Vice-Governor General Eugene A. Gilmore and Mrs. E. A. Gilmore, en route to Seattle. Governor Gilmore is returning to the United States on leave and will return to the Islands early next spring. He has been Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction in the Philippine Islands, Acting Governor-General and Vice-Governor.

Mr. B. L. Stock, of the A.P.C., has reported to the police the theft from the office during the week-end of clothing and jewellery to a total value of \$63.

The Union of Turkish Women has been agitating for the employment of women police, especially for the preservation of public morals. It is understood that they have decided to invite the head of the British women police to visit Constantinople to obtain her advice with a view to the creation of a school for women police in Constantinople.

Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong have completed at Barrow shipyard H.M.S. Resource, a fleet repair ship. Within her hull has been installed workshop plant by means of which repairs can be effected to warships while at sea. The Resource has a displacement of 1,500 tons and a 500ft. length. She is fitted with geared turbines to develop 7,000 horse-power. She will be ready for service in December.

Dame Nellie Melba emerged from her retirement last month to sing at Brighton Hippodrome in aid of the Sussex Eye Hospital. She was received with overwhelming enthusiasm by a crowded house. Sir Frederick Sullivan thanked Dame Nellie who, he mentioned, had travelled from Paris for the concert. Dame Nellie said: "This particular hospital has always been a pet hobby of mine. I cannot tell you how pleased I am to have sung to you again. I was terrified at first, but it has been a real joy to me."

In his parish magazine, the Vicar of Stoke Poges Church (made famous by Gray's "Elegy"), the Rev. Mervyn Clare, says: "The rush season for tourists at our church is now practically over this year. I think it has been a record. People often say to me that we must make a lot of money in the year from visitors contributing to our boxes, but the fact is that the majority do not make any contribution. From observation and calculations I think that only one out of every thirty visitors puts a coin in the boxes, and it is surprising how many of those coins are half-pence."

The Gwynns' Club, formed to promote friendship and good fellowship among the general foremen engaged in the building industry, held its inaugural dinner at Olympia recently under the presidency of Mr. Vincent Gluckstein, one of the directors of Bovis, Limited. The club derives its title from the term applied to their supervisors by the men employed on building works. The dinner was planned to represent a big building job in progress. Miniature concrete mixers, hoists, travelling cranes, and chain tackle, combined with rough planking on the floor and scaffolding overhead, added reality to the representation. One of the foremen sounded his whistle and the "workers" filed through a small door in the hoarding, registering their entry on the "clocking-on" apparatus before taking their seats. The toast list, printed on a card made of cedar and mahogany, took the form of a builder's specification. The toastmaster, clad in corduroys and peaked cap, wielded, in place of the customary mallet, a large sledge-hammer.

Westminster Abbey Filmed.

The first cinematograph film of the interior of Westminster Abbey has been completed. Special permission was given by the Dean and Chapter for the introduction of powerful arc lamps after attempts to take the film by ordinary light had failed. The central features of the film are the Unknown Warrior's tomb and the Congressional medal brought by General Pershing. Two long "shots" were taken, one looking north-westwards across the nave towards the choir. These pictures form part of a film of the River Thames, taken largely for the benefit of overseas audiences and showing places of beauty and interest—from its source near Cirencester to the river mouth. Charles Whitaker Productions, Limited, the firm which made the film, photographed the tomb of the Unknown Warrior for the interest of the Dominions. The firm pointed out that many thousands of people who lost relatives in the War would never have an opportunity of visiting the tomb. The view of the nave and choir from the West Door is reported to be successful. The other view, taken diagonally from a point about half-way between the tomb and the choir shows the large pillar nearest to the West Door and the tombs of Lord Salisbury and Charles James Fox. In the American edition, which will be fuller than the British, there will be shown the inscription marking the place where George Peabody, the American philanthropist, was first buried. This is of particular interest as the tomb of the only American ever buried in the Abbey. An external view of the Abbey has also been photographed, from the roof of the Central Hall, and shows the river in the background.

R.E. Dances.

Probably the writer who complained in the columns of this journal a few days ago of a dearth of partners of the fair sex at local dances has never attended one of these functions organised by the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Engineers at Wellington Barracks. At any rate, there were sufficient lady partners and to spare at the dance on Saturday when Staff Sergeants Peachy and Smyth, together with their helpers, had the pleasure of seeing the floor crowded once again. Excellent music was provided by H.M.S. Berwick's Grizzly Bears and it was no doubt surprisingly refreshing to many of the older dancers to take part in such numbers as the waltz, the lancers, and the Boston two-step as well as the more modern versions of the waltz and the fox-trot. These dances, by the way, are a fortnightly feature. The Mess are holding a whist drive—open to the public—on Saturday evening next.

"Worst-Dressed Premier."

The worst-dressed Prime Minister of recent years is Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, according to critics levelled against him by the *Out-fitter*. It is admitted that Mr. MacDonald is, in the matter of clothes, "an improved man," but it is pointed out that his better appearance has only followed a "bad relapse." The Premier's outfit shown as he appeared in 1924, is considered to have been marred by brogue shoes. Mr. MacDonald is again shown as he appeared at the private view day at the Royal Academy this year. It is pointed out that he is wearing the same overcoat and that one button is missing from this aged garment. The Premier as dressed for his recent meeting with General Dawes was considered to be as near sartorial perfection "as we can ever hope to see any British Premier."

Max Dareski Dead.

The death of Mr. Max Dareski, the pianist and composer, occurred last month. Mr. Dareski, who was only in his thirty-fifth year, was born in Manchester, the son of Edouard Dareski. He began his musical career as an infant phenomenon, composing a waltz at the age of five and a Coronation piece two years later, while at eight years he conducted a full orchestra. He had toured through France, Germany, Belgium, Rumania, and Italy as a pianist. He had written the music for a number of operas and was the composer of several popular songs. Death took place in a London nursing home from pneumonia after an illness lasting three weeks. Mr. Max Dareski was only married last April. His wife was Miss Ruby Miller, the actress, who at the time of the wedding in Paris was a widow. Mr. Max Dareski was the brother of Mr. Herman Dareski, the composer.

Fag-End Refinements.

That familiar street figure in England, the shabby individual picking up cigarette-ends with a pin on the end of a walking-stick, is reorganising his industry. The haphazard search for odd stumps on the pavements is recognised now as unscientific. The simple artifice of the pin is discarded, for if your profession is rationalised it must of necessity be also respectable, and there is no cause to be ashamed of it. An apostle of the new methods recently took up his stand outside a London church before a memorial service attended by many of the well-to-do. Only a few members of the congregation were pipe smokers; the majority threw away stumps of cigars or substantial lengths of expensive cigarettes. The collector made a good haul, and when the last of the congregation had arrived he moved on—maybe to some other engagement on his diary. Perhaps when he begins writing for the newspapers he will tell us what he does with his collections. If the members of the press fession smoke all their own ends the dentrate among them must be abnormally high.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A Chinaman eating his rice in the shade of a large rock near the Yaumati gas-works was startled and hurt by the fall of a part of it. It had been drilled and blasted the day before, and this was an "after fall." The man, who firmly believed that the earth dragon had had a personal quarrel with him, was taken to hospital.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Nov. 26, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The following may be mentioned as an instance of unusually quick despatch of a vessel consigned to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. The American ship *Emerald Isle*, Captain C. E. Staples, left Yokohama on September 23 and arrived at Nagasaki on the 30th. She there discharged 700 tons ballast, and took in 2,100 tons coal. Leaving Nagasaki on the same day, she arrived in Hong Kong on October 19, where she discharged her cargo of coal and took in 800 tons ballast. By October 26, *Hong Kong Daily Press*, Nov. 26, 1879.

MR. ORE'S PUPILS.

GIVE CITY HALL RECITAL.

SOME PLEASING ITEMS.

In the City Hall last evening, a really enjoyable programme was given by pupils of Mr. Harry Ore. The opening number was a seldom-heard duet, "French Dancing Air" (Grieg) rendered very sympathetically by Miss Daisy Ho and Mr. Peter Cheung. Their interpretation and sense of unity were ideal.

Mr. Peter Cheung followed up with Chopin's "Nocturne in F Minor"—Opus 93, I believe—and displayed a delicacy of touch seldom met with in an amateur performance. A little rubato and more careful attention to nuances, however, would see this clever pupil well on the road to proficiency.

Miss Daisy Ho gave a charming interpretation of Godard's "Venezienne" which was well-received and Miss Elvira's rendition of Chopin's 5th Nocturne was surprisingly pleasant.

Miss Barbara Wong had a difficult task set her in Tschaiikowsky's "Romance" which, treated carelessly, is apt to be rather boring. That Miss Wong held the interest of her audience is sufficient tribute to her skill.

The finale from Mendelssohn's 1st Trio was the *piece-de-resistance*, to my mind, of the programme. Mr. C. Y. Pasing (Violin) and Mr. E. Valero (Cello) were nicely in time with Mr. Ore (Piano) and, if the general interpretation inclined to mathematical "straightness," it was certainly "safe" and, in the circumstances, a pleasing number. Tuning and intonation were good and tone, on the part of the cellist, was very far indeed.

Miss Lily Lee gave Schubert's "Impromptu in B Flat" very cleverly. This promising young pianist has a musical future before her when certain "crudities" are eradicated from her phrasing.

Mr. Antonio Tubino showed the results of careful and competent tuition in the First Movement of Beethoven's Sonata No. 6 and Chopin's Valse VII, but I was especially pleased with the dainty and sympathetic rendition by Miss Kit Ngan Tsao of Movements 1 and 2 of Beethoven's Sonata No. 18 and Liszt's most difficult Rhapsody No. 11. Her flexibility of touch, sense of rhythm, pedal work and interpretation generally were a shade above the standard one usually expects from pupils' performances.

Two Etudes by Chopin—"E Major" and "C Minor"—were well played by Mr. A. Aquino and the item given by Miss Marie-Alves, the left-hand accompaniment from Liszt's arrangement of the Sorcerer, certainly deserved the applause of her audience.

Mr. Harry Ore augmented the programme with a Greg Elvira and Boreuse, and Paganini's arrangement of Liszt's "La Campanella."

H.A.F.

TWO FIRES YESTERDAY.

ENGINES RACE TO HAPPY VALLEY.

At dawn yesterday Happy Valley residents were roused by the clanging of fire engine bells. It appears that the object of the visit was to open the valve near the Dragon Garage, giving a full pressure of water to the Shaui-kwan district, whence a call for assistance had been sent to the Fire Station.

The fire broke out in a "joss" paper shop in Main Street, Sai Wan Ho. Appliances sent to deal with the outbreak soon got it under control in spite of the inflammable nature of the contents of the place.

Later in the morning, the Kowloon Fire Station received a summons from Waterloo Street, a matched occupied by F.W.D. coolies having caught fire. The matched, however, was quickly destroyed, including some building material stored in it.

EUROPEAN CERTIFIED INSANE.

PASSENGER FROM LONDON.

Mr. Robert John Campbell, described as British, aged 30, and a native of Edinburgh, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday for admission to the mental ward.

He was a passenger by the N.Y.K. steamer Fushimi Maru from London to Hong Kong, and the Port Health Officer has certified him to be insane.

LAWN TENNIS INTERPORT DINNER.

TEAMS ENTERTAINED BY THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

MR. HANCOCK'S TRIBUTE TO CHINESE PLAYERS.

The dinner given last night at the Hong Kong Hotel by the Lawn Tennis Association in honour of the Interport lawn tennis teams proved a very enjoyable fete to what has been a most interesting and sporting series of contests. Dinners are supposed to be an essentially masculine form of amusement and to many a hardened diner the idea of ladies being present is "the beginning of the end" of that ancient amusement, dining out.

However, everyone enjoyed yesterday's dinner, thoroughly, and the presence of a number of very charming ladies certainly enhanced the success of the occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VERY SPORTING SIDES.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, who presided, gave the loyal toast at the end of a very excellent meal.

Mr. Hancock also proposed the health of the Hong Kong and Shanghai tennis Interports. He claimed that in one respect he was well qualified for the task. He was the oldest "interporter" present having played against Shanghai in 1901, before most of the ladies and gentlemen present were born. (Laughter and "hear, hear.") They were delighted to welcome the visiting teams as these Interport trials were a delightful and wholesome variation from the monotony of local tennis and smaller scale contests. We had seen these last days excellent tennis played with the utmost keenness and the sporting spirit associated with the tennis court. Those who had been mere spectators only hoped that the players had got as much pleasure as they had given. They were particularly glad to welcome Mr. Wade, who had been Shanghai's champion more than once and they hoped it would be long before he retired from the game.

The Hong Kong team must be congratulated on their victory and on the way they had turned the tables on Shanghai. Up in Shanghai they did not make nearly so good a showing, the ladies having only won one match in five and the men the same number, while in mixed doubles no success had been secured.

China's Position in Far Eastern Tennis.

"I must also take this occasion," said Mr. Hancock, "to congratulate our Chinese friends on the position they have attained in the tennis world out here." There was Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, who had been singles champion here seven years in succession, there was Mr. Gordon Lum, the Shanghai champion, and Mr. M. W. Lo, our champion down here, nor must his brother, Mr. M. K. Lo, be forgotten. (That is a very formidable list. Hear, hear.)

"I should be very lacking in civility," said Mr. Hancock, "if I did not mention Miss Enid Lo. I am certain that before many more years have passed she will have reached the top of the ladder."

It was not many years since our Chinese friends had first taken up tennis. They had done amazingly well and he hoped more and more would take up that or some other form of sport. Games such as tennis developed physique and character and taught the lesson of how to play the game. If only the rulers of the world had learned the lessons of the playing field half of our troubles would be solved tomorrow.

Referring to the handsome trophy presented by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. Hancock said that the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association had been very sporting in setting it aside for this interport contest. It had been played for three times, first in 1923, and Shanghai had won the first two contests, and Hong Kong this one. He was sure Shanghai would not begrudge them the victory. (Hear, hear.)

HEALTH IN CHINESE FACTORIES.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY NANKING.

Nanking, Nov. 19.—A joint commission has been organized by the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Commerce and the Ministry of Public Health for the conditions in Chinese factories.

The members of the joint commission include the Minister of Public Health, Dr. Jui Heng Lin; Messrs. Huang Tze Fan, King Pao Shan, and Lin Chi, all of the Ministry of Public Health; while the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Commerce will be represented in this commission by Mr. Mo On Chu, Vice-Minister, Mr. Ma Tchow, Chief of the Labour Division; Mr. Chu Shih Kan and Mr. Fu Kan Hou.

The new commission is to make a thorough study of the present health conditions of the workers in China, and based on these studies, measures will be adopted by the National Government for the improvement of conditions and for the prevention of accidents in the various factories.

A number of preparatory meetings have already been held at the offices of the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Commerce, and regulations governing the organization and work of the commission have been drafted. It is planned to include a number of experts on it. Upon the approval of the draft regulations by the National Government, an announcement will be made of the formal establishment of the commission, and it will then proceed with its programme.

AIRSHIP'S TRIP POSTPONED.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR LEGISLATORS.

A SEVERE GALE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 24.

The members of the two Houses of Parliament who were prevented last Saturday from making a trip in the airship R101 owing to unfavourable weather, expected to do so yesterday. The overnight forecast had not been altogether favourable but it was anticipated that conditions would permit the flight.

The Parliamentarians arrived at the mooring mast at Cardington, embarked in the airship, and sat down to luncheon.

Unexpectedly, however, a gale was already blowing and the conditions rapidly became so bad that the flight was again abandoned. Lord Thomson, the Secretary for Air, sent the following letter to the Parliamentarians: "The weather conditions have proved to be much more unsuitable than was foreseen as late as eight o'clock this morning. The wind is already gusting up to nearly a mile a minute while winds of gale force are forecasted, which, if the airship were slipped, might render her return to the tower, a slow and difficult operation."

"In the circumstances, the demonstration flight would be conducted under the most unfavourable conditions. It must be remembered that this flight is still in the category of experimental flights, and that that being so, while the ability of the R101 to stand up to the conditions is not in question, indeed she will remain riding at the tower throughout, the passengers might be exposed to discomfort and delay in disembarkation which it is considered desirable to avoid."

VETERANS OF BOER WAR.

"HIDE AND SEEK WITH DE WET."

A LONDON MEETING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 24.

The first annual memorial service of the South African War Veterans Association, of which Field Marshal Lord Methuen is the president, was held at the Horse Guards' Parade in London to-day.

The men were inspected by General Sir Ian Hamilton. Addressing the company, Sir Ian Hamilton said: "We are the men who fought with White, Buller, Methuen, Roberts, Baden Powell and the other warriors of great renown at Elandsvaagte, Wageningen, Hill, Pieters Heights, Paardeburg and Diamond Hill."

"We are the old soldiers who once upon a time, on half rations, played hide and seek with Christian de Wet until our feet were bleeding and our clothes in rags. We are proud to stand here representing the twenty thousand soldiers who gave their lives for the agreed peace of Vereeniging and the smaller our numbers the greater each man's share of honour."

"The Vereeniging peace was an achievement equal to that of the million dead who are represented by the Treaty of Versailles. Still our treaty holds."

"Every time," he added, "you speak kindly or think kindly of the brother Boer who used to shoot at us, all the time and hit us pretty often, you are helping to keep South Africa happy and united, and what better monument could our fallen comrades desire."

Led by Sir Ian Hamilton the veterans marched to the Cenotaph where their leader placed a wreath on behalf of the Association.

EARTHQUAKE AT SEA.

ATLANTIC LINERS' EXPERIENCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 25.

The Anchor liner, Caledonia, which reached the Clyde from New York last night, reported having experienced the effects of an earthquake under the north Atlantic on November 18 off Sable Island.

The water was quite calm, and there was little wind, when suddenly the ship was seized with violent trembling. The captain, fearing that a derelict had been fouled, stopped his engines and had the vessel inspected, but no damage was done.

The White Star liner Olympic also experienced the shock of an earthquake which snapped several deep sea cables.

LAST TRIBUTES TO "THE TIGER."

BRITISH STATESMEN'S EULOGIES.

SIMPLE FUNERAL IN VENDEE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 25.

The British Government, in the course of a telegram to the French Government expressing profound regret at the death of M. Clemenceau, says "His proved friendship and long loyalty in trying days entitle him to the lasting gratitude of this country, where his death will be universally mourned, and his memory honoured."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a message sent to the President of the Council says of the dead statesman, "His long and distinguished career, his indomitable courage and his energy, which advancing years did not diminish, have roused the warmest admiration of my countrymen, and the whole British nation grieves with France at his passing."

In a further tribute Mr. MacDonald says, "The Clemenceau of history will not only be the outstanding representative of his people, as a nation, but also as a man whose varied human qualities and whose ways endeared him to those interested in the elements of human greatness."

Many other Ministers and ex-Ministers have paid similar tributes, including Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Grey, and Lord Derby, who were closely associated with him at different times during the War years and after.

Mr. Lloyd George said, "We worked together during the War in the closest co-operation for the direction of the World War and the shaping of world peace. Of the four men who were primarily responsible for framing the Peace Treaty, Signor Orlando and I alone remain. With the death of Clemenceau there passes away the last of the great statesmen of the 19th Century. He will rank in history amongst the greatest of them all."

Lord Grey described Clemenceau as "a brave statesman, a great patriot, and a staunch friend of Britain."

Lord Derby said "The Allies owed him much for his courage and determination to win, which were of inestimable value to our cause."

A Simple Funeral.

PARIS, Nov. 25. M. Clemenceau's last, simple, act was to kiss the hands of his faithful valet and chauffeur.

His body, which all day long lay clothed in a familiar grey suit, was placed in the coffin last night. It was a simple ceremony attended only by the Prime Minister, the Prefect of Police, and members of the family. A vase made from a German shell, holding a bunch of faded flowers given him by a corporal during one of his visits to the front line in wartime, was placed on the coffin beside the body. A motor hearse conveyed the remains to M. Clemenceau's native Vendee for burial.

In view of his wishes for a very simple burial special precautions were taken to prevent the hearse being followed.

Salvoes of artillery will be fired in all towns throughout France at the time of the burial to-day, while ex-Servicemen will march past the Arc de Triomphe in honour of the dead statesman.—Reuter.

GAS EXPLOSION IN ESSEN.

PEOPLE BURIED IN DEBRIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ESSEN, Nov. 25.

A gas explosion here has resulted in a collapse of the market building, and serious damage to neighbouring buildings.

Many people were buried in the debris and so far there are 12 dead, whilst three persons have been extricated from the ruins.

GOLFER AND CHOCOLATE ADVERTISEMENT.

MESSRS. FRY'S APPEAL ALLOWED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 25.

The Appeal Court has allowed Messrs. Fry's appeal against the judgment for £1,000 damages for libel, awarded Mr. C. J. H. Tolley, the famous amateur golfer, in July last.

It will be recalled that Mr. Tolley objected to an advertisement showing him playing a golf shot with a packet of Fry's chocolate protruding from his pocket.

Messrs. Fry's appealed on the grounds that £1,000, as damages, was excessive.

CHINESE TROOPS IN RETREAT.

DISASTROUS REVERSE AT MANCHULI.

HEAVY LOSSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

Harbin reports to Rengo state that according to the Japanese official report from Pokotu, a dozen Soviet planes raided Hailar on Saturday, dropping 80 bombs and destroying the railway bridge.

Chinese troops west of the Khingan range are in a general retreat.

Much anxiety is felt for 20 Japanese residents at Hailar, where demoralized Chinese are reported to be looting.

Other information from Pokotu says that General Liang, Commander of the 5th Brigade, was killed in severe fighting at Manchuli on Friday last, when 4,500 Chinese regulars were captured, together with hundreds of machine guns and 10,000 rifles.

It is generally believed in Harbin that the Soviet forces will suspend military activities on the western line of the C.E.R., after the occupation of the region west of the Khingan range.

GENERALISSIMO IN NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Nov. 25.

Chiung Kai Shek arrived here this morning aboard the gunboat Yunsu. A large gathering of Government officials welcomed him, including Tang Yen Kai, Hu Han Min, Ho Ying Ching, and Mr. T. V. Soong.

Along the Chunshan Road were many posters eulogising Chiung Kai Shek and his victory over the Kuomintang.

Chiung Kai Shek immediately proceeded to his private residence, where he conferred with Hu Han Min and Tang Yen Kai.

PEACE IN COAL INDUSTRY.

GOVERNMENT EFFORTS OUTLINED.

LEGISLATION SOON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 24.

The Premier, in a letter to Mr. Craigie Aitchison, K.C., the Lord Advocate for Scotland, who is the Labour candidate in the Kilmarnock by-election, reviews foreign and domestic policy, and refers to the introduction of legislation dealing with the coal industry. The way of peace, says Mr. MacDonald, has been laid within the past six months further than ever it has been, and we are now hard at work preparing for the Five-Power Naval Conference which is to meet in London in January to carry this to a successful issue.

"The deplorable conditions of the coal industry will be dealt with next. We strove hard to get an agreement between the owners and the miners which would have given fair play to the workers, who have been overworked and scantily paid, but we were thwarted in our efforts."

"We shall proceed with legislation, which I believe will commend itself to a great body of impartial people, and which has the support of the general body of miners, and a not inconsiderable section of the owners."

"Great will be the service done to the whole community by any Government which will undo the mischief of the late Government and put coal mining on a satisfactory economic footing, and establish within it, conditions and machinery for industrial peace and fair play."

AUSTRALIAN BANKING CONTROL.

THE GOLD QUESTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Nov. 24.

The Banking Bill proposed by Mr. Theodore, the Federal Treasurer, seeks to give the Commonwealth Bank the control of exchange rates instead of the private banks.

It is proposed that the export of gold shall be subject to the sanction of the Treasury, though actual prohibition is not intended.

SEVERE GALES IN BRITAIN.

DEVASTATION IN SOUTH WALES.

COLLIERY FLOODED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 25.

The heavy rains and strong winds which have caused damage in many parts of the country, abated somewhat yesterday, but in the evening they were renewed, and a wind of gale force caused rough seas around the coasts.

Heavy rain continued to-day, and aggravated the serious situation in many parts of the country, particularly in South Wales where hundreds of homes have been devastated. The Government has sanctioned £15,000 for urgent necessary repairs, and the Lord Mayor's Fund has contributed £5,000.

Much damage has been done by water to mines and other industrial establishments, and on Saturday an influx of water at a colliery at Glamorgan, Carmarthenshire, threatened nearly 200 men who were at work. They were, however, warned in time, and reached the surface unharmed. Later it was found possible to remove the horses left behind.

Pumping operations are proceeding, and it is hoped it will be possible to reopen the mines tomorrow. During Saturday's gale the 20,000-ton liner Duchess of Richmond was hove to in the Mersey for eleven hours, it being impossible to come alongside the landing stage owing to the gale.

An unusually large number of motor accidents occurred during the week-end owing to the bad state of the roads, many of which were under water.

RIMA TARRED AND FEATHERED.

EPSTEIN WORK SUBJECT OF OUTRAGE.

Epstein's sculpture Rima, which forms the memorial to W. H. Hudson, the naturalist, in Hyde Park, has been defaced with tar and feathers. The discovery was made by a policeman, who also found a galvanised iron pail which had contained the tar.

This is the second outrage which the memorial has been subjected to since it was erected a few years ago. After the unveiling by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, then Prime Minister, a fierce controversy broke out as to the suitability of the memorial—a panel in bronze containing a figure of Rima with flying birds about her—and this resolved itself into one of the periodical attacks on Epstein's art. Later, some persons, whose identity was never discovered, coated the panel with thick green paint, and traces of this remained in spite of the efforts of the Office of Works staff to remove it.

The latest outrage recalls a similar case last August when Sir George Frampton's Peter Pan statue in Kensington Gardens was tarred and feathered.

A large number of people visited the disfigured memorial during the day. The tarpaulin-covered scaffolding erected round it hid it from public view. Behind the scaffolding were workmen engaged on the task of cleaning the tar from the bronze panel. It was stated that the task would be difficult, and would take some time.

CASE FOR RUBBER RESTRICTION.

THE ONLY ROAD TO PROSPERITY.

A DUTCH CONTENTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 26.

The *Telegraaf* publishes a statement "emanating from rubber circles" expressing disappointment that the Rubber Growers' Association has not produced a plan which gives a reasonable expectation of improvement in the situation.

The opinion is expressed that restriction of production offers the only solution and the Association is recommended to concentrate upon securing the co-operation and goodwill of individual producers to that end.

OLD FOES TO DINE TOGETHER.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN RECALLED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 24.

General Smuts, who commanded the British troops in East Africa during the war, will, on December 2, meet his former adversary, General Von Lettow Vorbeck, who commanded the German troops in that sphere of operations.

The invitation to Von Lettow Vorbeck to attend the dinner and meet General Smuts was proposed when the South African leader was in London in 1923 attending the Imperial Conference, but it fell through owing to General Smuts having insufficient time before returning to South Africa.

General Smuts was in England again this year delivering lectures on Oxford when the proposal was revived. Several British officers who had been in the East African campaign, were consulted by Captain Lloyd, who was the originator of the proposal, and they were not only unanimous but enthusiastic in approving the invitation to the German commander.

PALESTINE OFFICIAL ATTACKED.

WOUNDED IN THE LEG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24.

Mr. Norman Bentwich, the Public Prosecutor for the Mandatory Administration, was wounded in the leg by a shot fired at him this afternoon.

Mr. Bentwich has been sent to hospital. His assailant was placed under arrest.

Young Arab Assailant.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25.

Mr. Bentwich is suffering from a flesh wound only, and is progressing satisfactorily. His assailant was a young Arab civilian orderly employed by the Department of Police and Prisons. He fired three shots in the corridor of the Government offices as Mr. Bentwich left the office. The assailant was wounded by one of his own shots.



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THE POSITION IN EWOS.

THE BOOM AND THE SLUMP.

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Now, what is the real position in Ewos? To answer this question correctly and without fear of contradiction, one would require the sagacity of the mythical Sherlock Holmes.

The opinions, therefore, set forth in this article, are considered ones arrived at after conversations with responsible men of business.

To commence with, the opinion is expressed that Ewos are worth to-day something in the neighbourhood of Tls. 17. In this connection it is worth recording that when quotations were in the region of Tls. 21, responsible banks were advancing as much as 80 per cent. The shares reached something below Tls. 24 a few weeks ago after wild speculation involving tens of thousands of shares. Then came the inevitable reaction, and prices collapsed to the vicinity of Tls. 15 and even under. The result is that a number of speculators find themselves in a precarious position and unable to meet a given settlement.

Some Idea of the Losses.

When the shares were rapidly rising and in the neighbourhood of Tls. 22, wads of 5,000 and more, were daily recorded on the "business done" board in the Exchange. One has, then, no difficulty in arriving at a rough estimate of the huge losses sustained. Even on 5,000 at Tls. 22, the loss today is roughly Tls. 35,000 and tens of thousands were done at prices approximating our example.

With the drop came the realization that certain brokers would be unable to meet their commitments and an organized liquidation took place. Shares were bought back at about present prices, and the position became less obscure.

In speaking of the future one naturally has great diffidence. The financial year of the company ends on December 31, and accordingly the dividend will be announced about the middle of February. Opinions vary as to the estimated amount of profit for the year. Something, however, in the region of Tls. 2,500,000 is generally believed to be not far out. An interim dividend of Tls. 0.40 already has been paid and the share capital of the company is Tls. 4,500,000 ordinary and Tls. 900,000 preference. Assuming, therefore, that a further Tls. 1.60 per share is recommended—thus making Tls. 2 for the year—this would represent 11.11 per cent. on an investment at Tls. 18 per share, 10 per cent. at Tls. 20, and 13.33 per cent. at Tls. 15. The dividend on the "par value"—Tls. 5 accordingly would be 40 per cent. Again assuming that the dividend will total Tls. 2 this would absorb Tls. 1,800,000, plus, of course the preference dividend of Tls. 72,000.

Correspondents Answered.

It is to be emphasized that these figures are not the outcome of "inside information." They are suggested merely for purposes of calculation. The "China Stock and Share Handbook" gives complete statistics of the company, some of which were set out by a correspondent signing himself "Non-Investor."

With all respect to another correspondent his arguments seem slightly unreasonable. If he has bought Ewos for an investment and has the money to pay for them or has paid, he is not, presumably, affected by transient fluctuations on scrip which he bought to lock up. If this latter course is not practicable then he too must have entered the ranks of speculators. The suggestion contained in his concluding paragraph goes rather far. The Ewo directors are not responsible for the gambling that has taken place and can scarcely be expected to take extraordinary steps to mitigate it.

A case of shocking brutality and savagery on the part of New York summer came to light recently with the discovery of the body of a 50-year-old watchman, who had been tortured to death because he refused to reveal the combination of the lock of the safe in the offices of a big laundry. The murdered man was found with slashes on the palms of each hand and on the soles of his feet. There was another deep gash under the chin and a stab wound in the back. The handles of the safe, which required all efforts to open it, was smeared with the bloody fingerprints of the torturers.



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TJISONDARI	S'HAL & AMOY	19th Dec.	21st Dec.	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	AMOY	25th Dec.	31st Dec.	MANILA, M'ERAR & SOERABAYA
TJIKEMBANG	S'HAL & AMOY	30th Dec.	1st Jan.	BATAVIA

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TJIBADAK	BATAVIA	27th Nov.	27th Nov.	AMOY & S'HAL
TJISAROE	JAVA, MAKASSAR	6th Dec.	8th Dec.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAL
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	18th Dec.	18th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAL
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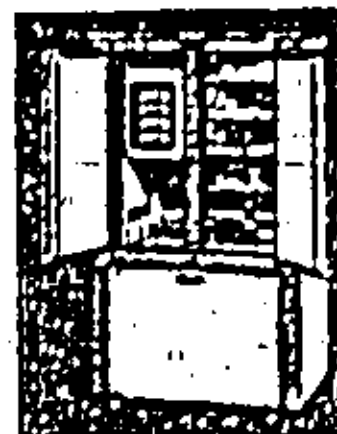
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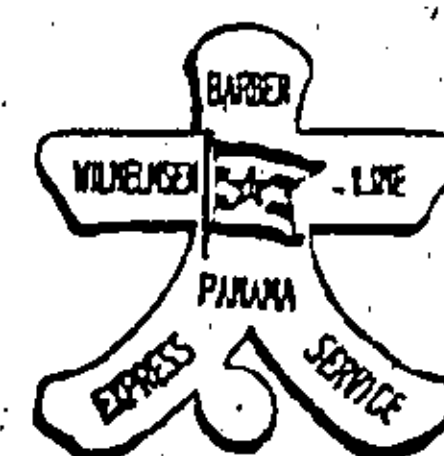
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[By "KUFAN"]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

Another quiet market has to be reported on the Rialto for the past week, and the amount of business put through has been very restricted. Rates remained more or less the same throughout the week, except in the case of a few stocks, and I do not anticipate any improvement until we have seen this year out or, to be more exact, until we have seen how the December Settlement pans out.

To-day is November Settlement Day, and my inquiries show that the settlement is not by any means heavy and should be well over within ordinary banking hours.

It is on the settlement for next month that all eyes are turned at the moment, and the opinion seems to be general that if the brokers successfully negotiate the December settlement without any hitch, then a period of prosperity on the local Rialto may be taken as a foregone conclusion. On the other hand, there may be a hitch, in which case the same super-cautious methods, as we have seen during the dreary months following the 1925 crash may be back with us. Those who have dealings on the share market are well aware of this, and everywhere a general "slowing down" is visible, forward sales being by no means in excess of cash business for the present.

The position of Ewos is creating more than ordinary interest locally, and during the week shares were in demand only to fall back towards the close to 15.25. I think I am right in saying that quite a big number of Ewos will change hands on December Settlement Day locally, and the news from Shanghai regarding this stock generally influences local quotations.

HONG KONG BANKS—Although there are sellers at \$1.30, buyers are difficult to find.

UNIONS have declined a little during the week, and after sales were concluded at \$3.60 sellers who were prepared to part with their shares at slightly under this rate appeared on the market.

WHAIRVES—Shares are wanted at \$147.50, but I think slightly more will have to be paid for shares, as a small demand has set in.

PROVIDENTS—Shares changed hands during the week at \$5.20 and \$5.10, and closed weak with further shares offering at the latter rate.

HONG KONG HOTELS changed hands at \$10.60 to \$10.75, but finished up with sellers at \$10.25, and buyers only offering \$10 for shares.

LANDS have come down slightly. Buyers are only now offering \$34.75 for shares.

HUMPHREYS—I have only heard of one small parcel changing hands at \$14.00, but there are further buyers at this figure if shares can be obtained.

HONG KONG TRAMS—A small business was done in Trams at \$19.25, and there are further buyers at this rate.

STAR FERRIES have buyers at \$70.50 and sellers at \$71.

CHINA LIGHTS changed hands during the week at lowering rates from \$16.45 to \$16, closing with buyers at the latter rate.

HONG KONG ELECTRICS had a slight setback after shares had been negotiated at \$60 to \$64.75. At the close of the week there were buyers at the latter figure.

CEMENTS—A fair business was done in this stock during the week at \$12.85, but the price gradually eased off to \$12.30 and later to \$12.25. They closed weak with buyers only offering \$12, and sellers asking a quarter more.

DAIRY FARMS—A small parcel of shares changed hands at \$20.25, and there are further buyers at this price.

EWOS improved slightly during the week, and after shares had been negotiated at \$16.10, the demand suddenly fell away and they closed weak, buyers

I understand offering only 15.25. I do not anticipate any improvement in this stock until the December Settlement.

REPLIES TO READERS.

Readers who are interested in the local share-market are given an opportunity to ask any question relating to local conditions, and replies will appear in this paper every Tuesday. Questions of practice and custom, and prospects of various stocks, etc., in Shanghai and Singapore, can be also dealt with.

Every effort will be made to give as full a reply as possible, but it is distinctly understood that the writer assumes no responsibility whatever by so doing.

Letters must be addressed to "KUFAN," care of the Editor of this paper, and must bear the name and address of the correspondent. It is desirable to include a *nomme de plume*, not for publication but simply to enable the correspondent easily to identify the reply intended for him.

Those who have written in last week will find answers to their queries below:

GORDON (Canton)—I am afraid I cannot advise you to buy either of the stocks you have mentioned, and would advise you to look for something else. The first-named stock will not appreciate at all, as the concern is losing heavily. The second stock, while not being so bad, is not one I would care to advise anybody to tie up money in. If you would like to let me know how much you can invest, I can find some reliable stocks for you.

SHING—I am afraid you have missed the market, but I still think you can gain nothing by waiting and therefore would advise you to sell. The rumour you have heard, if it concerns the paying of a dividend, is untrue. The present price is about \$10, but unless you can wait a very long time, you had better get out.

CURIOS—I would not be in a hurry to buy this stock, and would advise you to see how things stand after the December Settlement. I don't think shares will go up between now and the settlement, so that you will lose nothing by waiting. Frankly, I think your brokers are too optimistic, and I don't think shares will touch \$20. Neither do I think a dividend will be paid for 1929, but if one is declared it would be very small—too small to make the shares jump much.

DEJECTED—I am doubtful whether they will pay the same dividend. Possibly it will be less this year. If you want to sell, I would advise you to get out at present prices to be on the safe side. 2.—Unions. 2.—No! 4.—Advance in price is doubtful and I would not advise you to buy. 5.—Plenty of inquiries about, and I think the prospects of the Company are quite good, but I do not think there will be a dividend. The shares may touch \$14 or \$15 in the next six months or so, in which case, sell.

PEERLESS—There seems to be a very remote chance of your holdings improving. I would sell and wait for an opportunity during January/February, when there should be some good things in the market if all goes well in December.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, Nov. 24.
Paris	123.50
New York	4.87
Geneva	50.12
Amsterdam	12.08
Milan	93.14
Berlin	20.38
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.50
Copenhagen	19.50
Vienna	34.67
Prague	104
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	35.57
Lisbon	108
Athens	375
Bucharest	816
Rio	5.25/32
Buenos Aires	46.7/32
Bombay	1/54
Shanghai	2/25
Hong Kong	1/84
Singapore	22 1/2
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 15/16

METALS:

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated October 10, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

Copper.

Close yesterday:—Cash: \$74.8.9, last week \$74.0.0; Three months: \$74.15.0, last week \$74.8.9; New York: Dec. 17.00c, last week 17.75c.

This market has shown greater activity and good buying of cash and forward has latterly been evident, up to \$73.25 having been paid for three months.

The future course of values for Standard depends upon the policy of the American Producers regarding their selling price of Electro, and opinion is distinctly divided between the prospects of this being maintained at 18c or reduced to 16c. Potential needs would be encouraged with greater confidence at the latter figure, and would probably result in the curtailment of output instructions being rescinded. On the other hand, September statistics, to be published shortly, will probably show favourably with stocks of refined reduced as a result of the strike at Chrome, even should deliveries not reach the totals expected, and this rather suggests little chance of a reduced selling price materialising yet awhile.

Important shipments of rough Copper continue to flow from United Kingdom warehouses into the United States, and October stocks may be expected to show further heavy depletion.

Our New York correspondents cabled last night that the good export demand for Electrolic Copper is expected to continue.

Tin.

Close yesterday:—Cash: \$196.12.6, last week \$196.15.0; Three months: \$200.12.6, last week \$200.15.0; New York: Dec. 43.35c, last week 43.80c; March 44.25c, last week 44.35c.

Further weakness has been displayed, and values have been depressed on free offerings of forward metal fairly persistently throughout the week so that \$200 per ton has once more been broken for three months. The tone was, however, good at the close yesterday, with apparently substantial buying power at \$200, and the Group has again been prominent in support.

Some report of progress is expected to be issued shortly by the Tin Producers' Association and is looked for with interest. Meanwhile, the good September statistics have been discounted by expectations of Straits shipments during October amounting to close upon 10,000 tons, but there is no reason to suppose that deliveries will show much decline on the recent good rates.

United Kingdom stocks continue to increase, but doubtless the bulk is held in powerful hands.

Our New York correspondents cabled last night that Wall Street is reported to be buying and that the trade is selling. The undertone is staid.

COPPER TRADE INTEREST INCREASING.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. also inform us that they received yesterday the following telegram from Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

Our New York friends say non-essential Copper Trade interest increasing.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 2 of this issue.]

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news.	12.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.
1.43 p.m.—Weather report.	5 to 7 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson.
"On With The Show, 1929" Selection, Part 1 and 2, Debroy Somers Band.	"Pierrot At The Dance" (Lockton and Drummond) and "A Song of Long Ago" (D. Furber and A. E. Adams), Master Trevor Schofield.
"Lionel Monckton Memories," Part 1 and 2 (Lionel Monckton), Columbia Light Opera Company, with Orchestra.	"Hungarian Dance in A Minor" and "Hungarian Dance in D" (Brahms, arr. Robinson), J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.
"(a) Waltz in A Flat (Brahms), (b) Spring Song" (Mendelssohn) and "Liebestraume" (Liszt), Pianoforte Solo by William Murdoch.	"Vienna Maidens, Waltz" (Wiener Mad'n) and "Nights of Fragrance" (In Lauscher Nacht), New Concert Orchestra.
"I Know of Two Bright Eyes" (G. H. Cluisam) and "Meet Me By Moonlight" (arr. J. Batten), Dennis Noble and Norman Allan.	"The Bohemian Girl—Vocal Gems, Part 1" (Balle), Miriam Lewis, Piano, and Chorus with Orchestra.

(Continued on next Column.)

TERRITORIAL ARMY VANISHING.

MORE THAN 50,000 MEN BELOW STRENGTH.

INFANTRY HIT.

An alarming slump in the popularity of the Territorial Army among young men is exercising the minds of the British military authorities. So difficult has recruiting become that certain units are in danger of disappearing.

The authorised establishment of the Territorials is 183,500, a figure far below the pre-war strength, and the latest figure of the numbers serving is 131,500 rank and file and 6,000 officers. These, however, are not recent statistics, and are probably far higher than the strength to-day.

The Press department of the War Office pleaded ignorance when pressed for returns of numbers attending the annual training. Appeals to the staff officers of the Territorial department at the War Office were met by point-blank refusals of information.

Only 200 Men in Camp.

At the various Territorial divisional headquarters there is the same reluctance to disclose the truth, but from other reliable sources the *Sunday Express* has been able to ascertain that, except among corps troops—the Artillery and Engineers—there is the greatest difficulty in maintaining even an 80 per cent. minimum of establishment strength.

How far numbers are below this minimum strength cannot be stated because the officials will not give the figures.

Some of the infantry battalions are so under strength that not more than 200 men attended the annual training. Such corps as the London Scottish and the H.A.C. are still popular, but a number of other London units are dwindling almost to vanishing point.

The reason for this is partly the policy of reducing the annual training grant, thus making it more difficult among what may be called the "working man" battalions to provide an attractive programme for the annual training. Many of the headquarters of the infantry battalions in the poorer districts are far from being attractive social centres such as are enjoyed by some of the crack corps.

Territorial associations in some counties are well supplied with funds from their supporters, but in others they are badly off financially. This is the case especially in Essex.

SEQUEL TO RECENT N.Y. CRASH.

INVESTIGATION ASKED FOR.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Senator Tom Heflin of Alabama, at a night session of the Senate introduced a resolution calling for investigation of the New York Stock Exchange.

It would be undertaken by the sub-committee now conducting an investigation of lobbyists' activities in Washington. The purpose of the inquiry would be to report on remedial legislation, possibly placing the Exchange under government observation or control.

Authority would be granted to the sub-committee to subpoena books and accounts in order that the investigation might have full scope.—*United Press.*

"The Bohemian Girl—Vocal Gems, Part 2" (Balle), Dennis Noble, Harry Brindle and Chorus with Orchestra.

"Oh Kay!—Vocal Gems" (Gershwin and Gershwins) (Introducing: Oh Kay! Maybe; Do-Do-Do; Someone to watch over me; Clap Yo' Hands), Columbia Light Opera Company.

"Girl Friend"—Selection (R. Rodgers) (Introducing: Girl Friend; Blue Room; Mountain Greenery), Pianoforte Solo by Billy Mayer.

"On Wings of Song" (Mendelssohn, arr. Sear) and "Ave Maria" (Bach Gounod, arr. Sear), J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.

"Carmen—The Toreador Song" (Bizet), Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Chorus with Orch.

"Tannhauser—O Star of Eve" (Wagner), Harold Williams with Orchestra, Baritone.

"That's My Fascination" and "Get Up Nice and Early" (Leslie Sarony), Leslie Sarony with Orchestra, Comedian.

"Follow Through—Selection, Part 1 and 2" (de Sylva, Brown and Henderson), The Piccadilly Players.

"The Pirates of Penzance—Vocal Gems, Part 1 and 2" (Gilbert and Sullivan), Columbia Light Opera Company and Orch.

"Am I Blue" and "Birmingham Bertha" (Akst and Clarke) (Theme Song from On with the Show?), Ethel Waters with Orchestra, Comedienne.

"Waltz Medley, Part 1 and 2" (arr. Debroy Somers), Debroy Somers Band.

8 p.m.—Weather report.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

VEGETARIAN COLONY.

AMID THE HILLS OF SEVRES.

CULT OF LONG HAIR AND SANDALS.

[United Press.]

Paris.—The colony of a vegetarian cult, based entirely on simplicity of life, has just been discovered amidst the sloping hills of Sevres, between Paris and Versailles.

All the colonists have long hair and wear Grecian tunics and sandals. The men as well as the women do not smoke tobacco. They abhor the smell and taste of liquor. Their principal occupation is the painting of silks for two large stores in America, one in New York and the other in Chicago.

No Fanaticism.

M. Paul Hirzel, a naturalised Frenchman from Switzerland, heads the cult and has the longest hair of them all. He contends there is no fanaticism about the group and that such issues as free-love and religion have nothing to do with the colony. They have merely gathered at this spot, which they have named La Maison des Arts, to lead the simplest life possible.

When asked in an interview if his purpose was to escape from life, M. Hirzel replied:—"Quite the contrary. We do not believe in trying to escape from life. We advocate living it fully, intensely, but usefully and naturally."

"There is a rhythm in life which we try to catch. We try to put this rhythm in our shuttles as we weave our clothing, in our hoes as we do our gardening. Our daily exercises are based on the rhythm of life. It is simplicity that counts. The simplest means have always been the best."

Sun as Timepiece.

There are no clocks in the colony. Time is told by looking at the sun. When the sun goes down, the people go to bed. When the sun rises, they get up. In winter they sleep much longer than in summer because they believe more sleep is needed during the cold months.

The servant problem never bothers them, for they have none. Each person does his own cooking, sewing and carpentry. The women can build a fence as well as the men. The men can patch up the back of a tunic as well as the women. Self-sufficiency is part of their belief.

The colours with which they paint silks are squeezed from plants. According to M. Hirzel this gives the colours a more natural effect and imparts a delicacy of nature which manufactured paints can not give. He says the designs they make are "dances of life."

MAURETANIA'S RELIC VALUE.

U.S. SYNDICATE TO BUY MEMENTOES.

At the age of 23 Britain's fastest liner, the Mauretania, has attained relic value.

A syndicate of American financiers has been formed to purchase all the decorative woodwork in this ship, delivery not to be taken, of course, until the ship is broken up, which, it is hoped, may be many years hence.

Generations of travellers have admired the lofty lounge, panelled with polished mahogany, the pillars fluted with gold.

The library, lined in gleaming woods, walnut and satinwood and rosewood—the very names are a litany of beautiful woods—is a stately room that would adorn a great palace; and the dining-room, all in unpolished and hand-carved oak, would make any baronial castle distinguished.

Where Are Our Men?

The American millionaires propose to have these beautiful things re-erected in a New York yachting club, where it will be an added thrill to lunch in the Mauretania dining-hall or to read in comfort in the Mauretania lounge.

One wonders why no English millionaires have come forward to save these things of beauty for the country. The truth seems to be that Americans are prouder of this fast and beautiful ship than even we are.

This is particularly so among Scandinavians from the Middle West who went out, many of them as immigrants, in the Mauretania 20 years ago. They come back now as gilded passengers, proudly showing their children over the ship that holds so dear a place in their memories and associations.

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The following passengers arrived by the B.M.S. Empress of Russia, from Manila:—For Hong Kong: Mr. L. Berghimer, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, Mr. P. Schweb, Mrs. E. H. Thomson, Miss A. Wordie, Mrs. Fung Mow Yung, and two children, Mrs. M. Gonzalez and two children, Miss C. Jagger, Miss M. Lavidia, Mr. Li Hin Lu, Miss Li Yuck Fong, Master Li Ah Young, Mr. Lee Ah Kui, Mr. Wong Wah, Mr. Yu Tam, Mr. M. Zamara, Master Zamara. For Shanghai: Mr. R. A. Gilmore, Miss A. Woods.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 10th Dec.	10 a.m.
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STATION	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks							
Windsor	12	30.15	76.9	44	...	...	0	b	6	30.27	78.9	24	...	...	...	0	b	...		
New York	11	30.04	76.0	...	SW	1	3	...	5	30.12	75.0	...	...	...	...	0	...	...					
Hokkaido	...	30.16	76.0	...	WSW	...	...	...	...	30.20	75.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	30.30	76.5	...	NNW	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NNW	...	1	...	...					
Kobe	...	30.24	76.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	SW	...	1	...	...					
Nagasaki	...	30.22	76.3	...	E	1	...	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	...	...	0	...	...					
Kanagawa	...	30.20	76.0	...	NE	1	...	...	...	30.02	76.5	...	...	...	...	0	...	...					
Oshima	...	30.16	76.0	...	NNW	1	...	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	...				
Naha	...	30.10	76.4	...	NE	2	...	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	N	5	...	...	...				
Ishigakijima	...	30.10	76.4	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	30.08	76.4	...	...	NNE	4	...	...	...				
Ponin Island	...	29.92	76.0	...	E	2	...	...	...	29.80	75.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	30.19	76.8	42	160	NW	4	b	6	30.23	76.7	40	74	NW	4	b	...	...					
Shanghai	14	30.25	76.8	54	38	NNW	6	b	...	30.32	77.1	32	89	NW	2	...	...	...				
Outcliff	...	30.29	71.9	50	32	NW	6	...	...	30.38	77.0	44	60	NW	6	...	...	...				
Stunglaff	...	30.08	76.4	70	61	E	4	b	...	30.19	76.6	58	70	W	2	b	...	...					
Sharp Peak	...	29.80	75.9	67	64	W	7	...	...	30.21	76.3	56	68	N	4	b	...	...					
Amoy	...	30.08	76.0	70	77	NW	4	b	...	30.11	76.7	59	83	NW	2	b	...	...					
Swatow	...	30.13	76.5	64	92	E	2	b	...	30.21	76.2	59	78	ESE	4	b	...	...					
Taiho	11	30.13	76.3	73	...	NNW	2	b	...	30.07	74.9	57	...	N	2	b	...	...					
Taihu	...	30.13	76.3	73	...	NNW	2	b	...	30.07	74.9	61	...	N	4	b	...	...					
Taihu	...	30.10	76.4	77	...	NNW	2	b	...	30.04	76.9	63	...	SE	1	b	...	...					
Tainan	...	30.10	76.4	77	...	F	2	b	...	30.04	76.9	64	...	NNE	6	...	...	...				
Peehann	...	30.13	76.3	68	...	NE	4	b	...	30.18	76.6	58	49	N	2	c	...	...					
Pescadore	...	30.10	76.4	51	70	N	4	b	...	30.17	76.3	...	...	N	2	c	...	...					
Hong Kong	14	30.11	76.4	...	N	4	b	...	...	30.13	76.9	37	46	N	4	...	...	...				
Cape Rock	...	30.08	76.1	68	50	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	30.03	76.2	76	66	N	3	...	...	30.08	76.1	69	71	NE	5	b	...	...					
Hoihow	...	30.05	76.2	73	63	NE	4	b	...	30.20	76.7	59	73	NE	4	...	...	...				
Pratas Island	...	30.11	76.4	70	83	NE	4	...	...	30.07	76.3	72	...	E	2	...	...	...				
Phulion	15	29.99	76.1	78	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.88	75.9	81	...	ESE	2	...	...	29.98	76.1	84	90	NE	1	...	...	...				
Cape St. James	...	29.85	76.1	77	...	NE	4	b	...	29.87	76.1	94	90	SE	2	b	...	...					
Baco	14	29.85	76.0	81	56	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aparr	...	29.91	77.6	79	61	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuquegarao	...	29.84	75.7	82	54	NW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.85	75.8	82	70	SSW	2	...	...	29.82	75.9	70	94	N	0	b	...	...					
Manila	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	75.8	75	85	N	2	b	...	...					
Legaspi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calhoro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacleban	...	29.78	75.3	82	79	N	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Holo	...	29.79	75.6	86	71	NE	6	...	...	29.85	75.8	78	91	NE	4	...	...	...				
Cebu	...	29.78	76.3	86	65	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.80	75.9	81	87	N	4	...	...	29.82	75.7	79	80	N	4	...	...	...				
Aliphan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.73	75.1	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gnam	12.22	29.65	75.0	...	...	...	4	...	4.22	29.72	75.4	...	...	SE	2	...	...	...				
Yap	11.60	29.66	75.3	SSW	4	29.74	75.4	W	2							
Pelew	29.77	75.1	78	...	NW	1							
Ponape							
Fabian	14	29.82	75.4	86	76	29.85	75.2	80	91							

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 9,500 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
21,700 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo for	Through
H.K.	Ports.	Ports.
Haikang, Foochow	300	—
Antung, Singapore	210	40
Shantung, Canton	100	—
Taming, Shanghai	800	300
Foehsing, Canton	—	960
Tinhov, Durban	300	—
German, Kumerland, Kobe	1,500	3,780
Italian, Trieste	30	1,300
Danish, Clara Jensen, Saigon	2,440	—
Japanese, Durban Maru, Birkenhead	310	8,430
Menado Maru, Haiphong	1,760	—
Fushimi Maru, Middlesboro	1,390	7,900
Chinese, Hsin Cheong, Canton	70	170
Tak Hing, Macao	60	130
Total	9,270	21,760

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

ROUGH WEATHER.

The master of the S.S. Shun Chih (Captain H. A. Johansen), which arrived here on Sunday from Saigon and Tourane, reported that the vessel encountered very rough weather during the voyage between Saigon to Tourane. The vessel took ten days to complete the voyage which usually takes only three days. The ship was obliged to anchor for four days in one of the coves along the Coast. Slight damage is reported to the superstructure.

Fouled Berth.

A sand laden junk sank off Stonecutters Island on Saturday morning and buoy No. 31 is, in consequence, a fouled berth. A red flag has been placed on the buoy and work is underway to remove it.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Haikang (British) Foochow, Swatow	172
Antung (British) Singapore, Haikow	728
Shantung (British) Canton, Clara Jensen (Danish) Saigon	21
Menado Maru (Japanese) Haiphong, Hoikow	256
Fushimi Maru (Japanese) Middlesboro, Singapore	42
Hsin Cheong (Chinese) Canton	10
Total	1,261

CLEARANCES.

November 25.

Altai Maru, for Shanghai.
Anking, for Pass Thru.
Antung, for Swatow.
Bolton Castle, for Manila.
Chang Kiang, for Haikow.
City of Chester, for Takao.
Durban Maru, for Shanghai.
Fukuji Maru, for Karatsu.
Fushimi Maru, for Shanghai.
Grays Harbor, for San Francisco.
Himalaya, for Shanghai.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kumerland, for Manila.
Mao Lee, for Canton.
Michael Jensen, for Swatow.
Nam Peng, for Haikow.
Navada, for Manila.
President McKinley, for Shanghai.
Sarpedon, for Singapore.
Shantung, for Swatow.
Sungshan Maru, for Swatow.
Tai Yang, for Manila.
Taming, for Canton.
Tijalak, for Swatow.
Tymeric, for Calcutta.
Waisheng, for Canton.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Durban Maru, Empress of Russia, Fushimi Maru, Pres. McKinley, Oda Maru, Soony, Laichik, Oda Maru, Taiyang, Tymeric, Bolton Castle, Victorians, Chiu On, Hydrangea, China Merchants, Hsin Cheong, Jardine Matheson's, Wai Shing, O.S.K., Menado Maru, Douglas Laprak, Haiyang, Saikong, Wing Lee.

Docks.—Kowloon: Thalong, Venezia, Chaksang, Kutsang, Taikoo, Kwongchow, Yuet On, Kaigan, Ichang, Kweiyang, Seang Bee, Hong Hwa.

(Continued on next Column.)

ARRIVALS.

November 23.

Hong Hwa, British str., 1,924 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Amoy, Taikoo Dock.—Ho Thong & Co.

November 24.

Fushimi Maru, Japanese str., 10,935 tons, Capt. S. Oya, from Middlesboro, London and Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Eulmerland, German str., 4,366 tons, Capt. Paul Kutter, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—Jebson & Co.

November 25.

Altai Maru, Japanese str., 7,772 tons, Capt. T. Narita, from Hamburg via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

City of Chester, British str., 5,413 tons, Capt. H. W. Letton, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line Ltd.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. C. Tanaka, from Saigon, buoy No. C45.—Chang Tong Ha.

Durban Maru, Japanese str., 7,163 tons, Capt. C. Tanaka, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Empress of Russia, British str., 16,810 tons, Capt. A. G. Hosken, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. A. Balch, from Canton, buoy No. C33.—J. M. & Co.

Grays Harbor, U.S.A. str., 5,442 tons, Capt. F. P. Willarts, from Manila, buoy No. A8.—States S.S. Co.

Hai Yang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Himalaya, Italian str., 4,193 tons, Capt. M. Molde, from Singapore, buoy No. A27.—Dodwell & Co.

Kobutsu Maru, Japanese str., 1,210 tons, Capt. K. Stone, from Macao, buoy No. C52.—Wada Jimusho.

Kwang Chow, British str., 1,573 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Swatow, buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

Navada, American str., 3,517 tons, Capt. J. S. Smith, from Kobe, Stonecutters.—States S.S. Co.

Pres. McKinley, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. Robert C. Garey, from Manila, P.I., Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Sarpedon, British str., 6,021 tons, Capt. Williamson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—B. & S.

Shantung, British str., 1,368 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Canton, buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K.

Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Malay, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tinhov, British str., 3,164 tons, Capt. Charles S. Newton, from Durban and Saigon, buoy No. A24.—Bank Line.

Wai Shing, British str., 1,169 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Yeiun Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. R. Taketomi, from Dairen, buoy No. C42.—M.B.K.

Silk forwarded from Hong Kong by Empress of Asia on October 31 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on November 22, having been 22 days in transit.

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"BALIYANA"	16,819	14th Dec.	Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. (A'warp.)
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec.	Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & (A'warp.)
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	4th Jan.	B'bay, Maru & L'don.
"LABORE"	5,304	11th Jan. (Maru.)	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Maru, London, B'dm, & A'warp.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. (Maru.)	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIRA"	9,138	15th Feb.	Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"MACDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	8th Mar. (Maru.)	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Maru, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	22nd Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Maru, L'don, B'dm, & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th May	Bombay, Maru & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May (Maru.)	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th Dec.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Dec.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	13th Dec.
"KHIVA"	9,135	21st Dec.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	21st Dec.
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th Dec.
"MANTUA"	10,948	3rd Jan.
"NELLORE"	6,853	7th Jan.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.
"KASHMIRA"	9,138	17th Jan.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	25th Jan.
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"KHYBER"	9,114	10th Apr.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th Apr.
"KHIVA"	9,135	8th May
"TAMURA"	16,401	22nd May
"KASHMIRA"	9,138	6th June
"MOREA"	10,554	19th June
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	18th July

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